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Just as it was getting dark, following tradition, the bonfire is lit. Lee Payne gives a speech to get everyone psyched for the Homecoming game (photo by: Heather Wickline).

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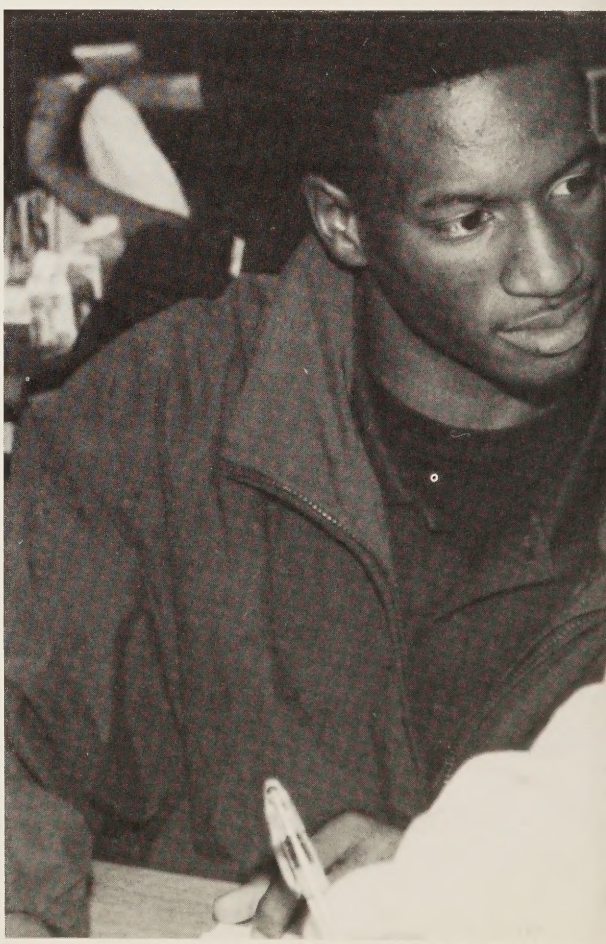
We knew that with everything that had changed, we would spend the whole year getting used to all the changes and start piecing everything back together. We celebrated excellence more than ever before with visits from the Renaissance Fairy and a school wide Celebrate Excellence Day. This year was anything but slow and boring when we thought that it would be just another year .



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Showing his surprise junior Dominic Ross congratulatates who ever for his correct answer.

Stappling their graduation caps together Amy Porter and Erica Burge prepare for the traditional senior day.

While eating lunch junior Anthony Gaines and freshman Kyle Martin work on a class assignment.

Enjoying his ice-cream cone senior Jimmy Priola shows off his goggles and hat during spirit week.

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While eating at the Senior Appreciation Lunch, senior Jill Raymond hangs out with friends Elizabeth Suwinski, Erica Bowman, Andrea Zinn, and Tanya Acors (Photo by: Alex Russel).

Riding on senior Matt Stagge's back, senior Ronna Reeves enjoys time to unwind with friends (photo by: Alex Russel).

Waiting until they go to class after lunch, sisters Gloria and Jamie Taylor joke around with junior Jonessa Gipson and senior Paulette Cole (photo by: Chenille Eason).

The Reniassance fairy, Mrs. Ivan unexpectedly visits Ms. Gebhart's Advanced English 11 class distributing gifts to Reniassance card holders.

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New sports coaches, publications advisors, and academic programs made it even harder to piece the year together. Six athletic teams all had new coaches due to transfers and more funding. Due to the absence of Sandra Woodcock, who previously advised the yearbook and newspaper staffs, and photojournalism, all three classes gained new advisors. Academically for the first time, this year, students received gold and silver cards for their good grades and Bogo cards for perfect attendance. These cards allowed them to receive prizes for their academic achievements.

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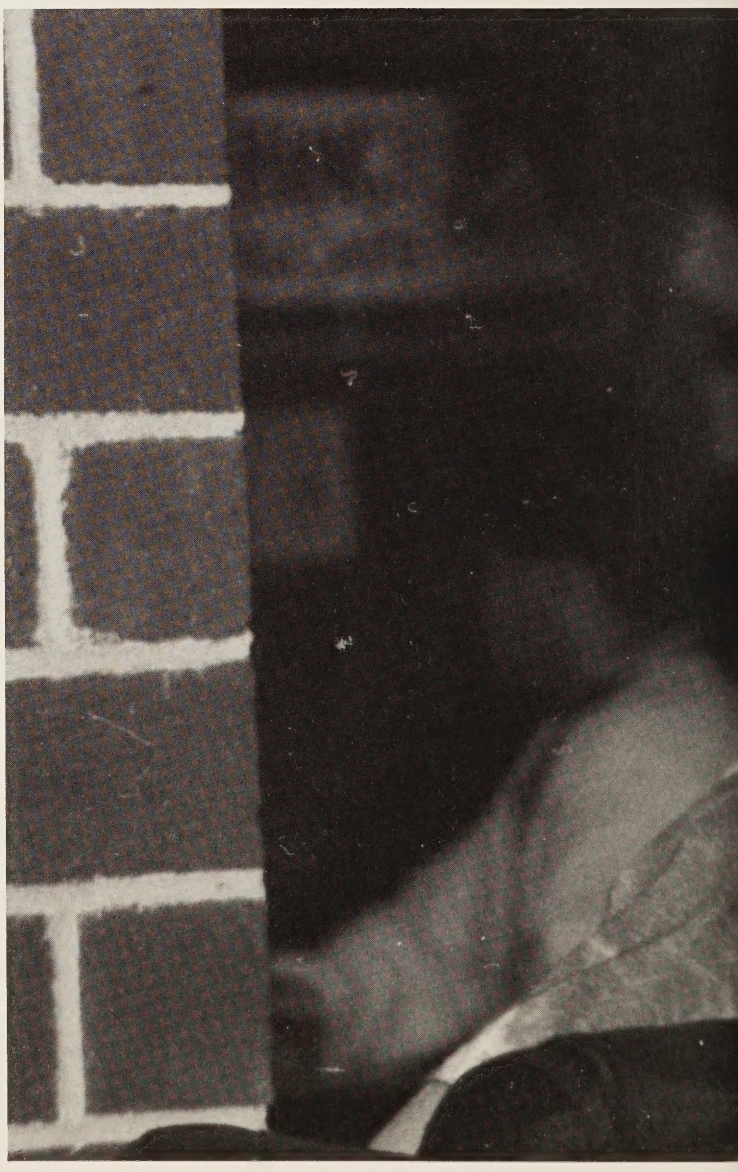

When** school starts so do the students. We plan every event down to the tiniest detail, striving to make everything perfect. We planned for The Male Beauty pageant and both plays: Guys and Dolls and the Outsiders. The SCA really had their fair share of work to do as well planning Spirit Week and Homecoming. We, as a school, dressed for Success . Everyone strived to make this year the best and to keep themselves and our school from* **Falling to Pieces.

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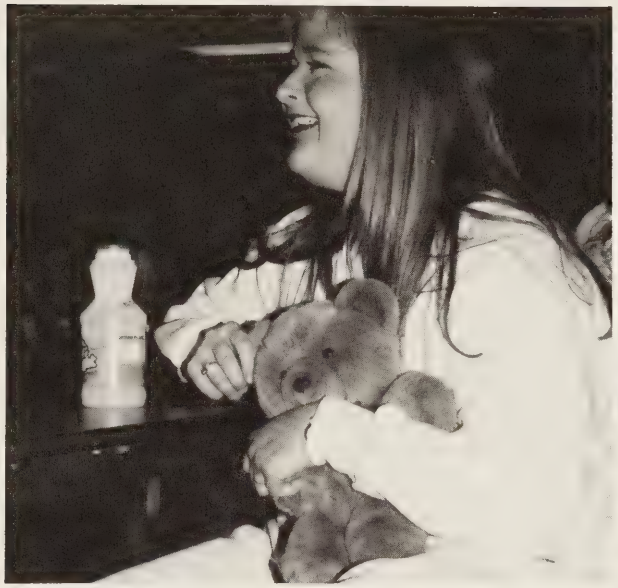
One last year to be wild and crazy, senior Dwayne Hall has classmate senior Robin Gray braid his hair for Crazy Hair day during Spirit week. (photo by: Heather Wickline)



Pajamas always makes one feel so relaxed. Junior Holly Newman kicks back, slippers and all during Pajama Day at lunch. She clutches her teddy bear just for moral support.

Slick, smooth surfaces are the dreams for a skateboarder. Sophomore Chris Young takes advantage of the linoleum floors at school during lunch. At the same time he keeps a look out for teachers.

Crazy hats were the key thing for the day, and this guy really overdid himself. He sports the look well. Right on, sir!

Performing on stage and shaking his stuff was not a big problem for senior Carl Berry. Dancing was just one of the many talents Berry showed off that night (photo by: Alex Russell).

While taking a break in his big dress he wore for the contest, George Kartoudi waits patiently to find out what place he came in for the contest (photo by: Alex Russell).

Fixing his chest before his act, John Goodman gets help from junior Ronald Seidman. Goodman and Seidman both participated in the contest (photo by: Alex Russell).

Participant and winner of the Male Beauty Contest, senior Phillip Wentz shows off his feminine side by walking across stage in heels, shorts, and other female items (photo by: Alex Russell).

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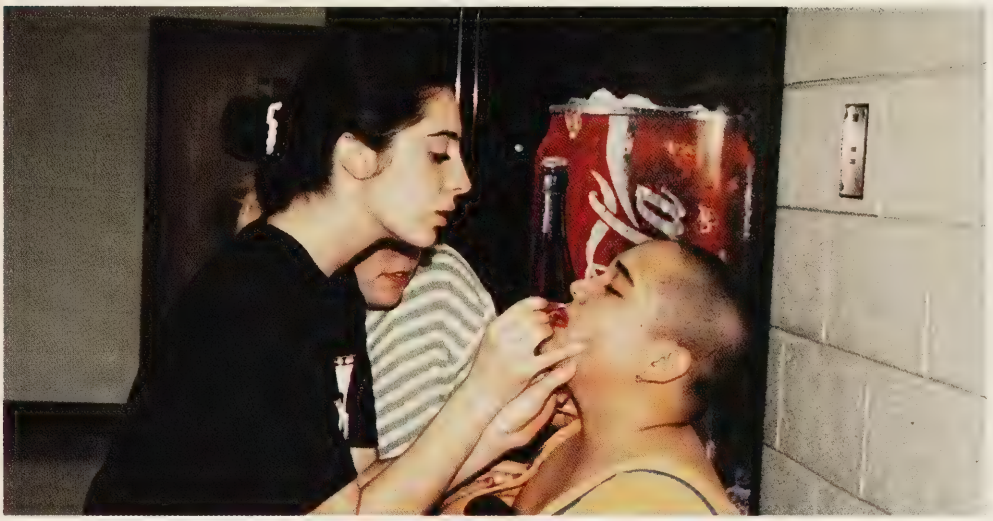
Transforming into a girl before going on stage is what Robert Pope needed to do. So with the help of senior Katy Stavinoha becoming pretty was easy for Pope. (photo by: Alex Russell.)



Willing to help, junior Sandra Nichols helps junior Kevin Goodman put on his make-up for his big performance. Kevin and brother John both acted in the contest. (photo by: Alex Russell).

Dressed for the Part

Once they were dressed, the participants of the Male Beauty Contest had to set their mind for the role they played.

Dressed up to be someone you are not is even harder when you are changing into someone of the opposite sex. Participating in the male beauty contest was lots of fun but getting dressed and wearing girls clothes was difficult for most of the contestants.

"Preparing for my role as Lois Lay was a lot of work, especially when being a girl is not my speciality," said junior Kevin Goodman. "My journalism class had me trying on dress after dress, high heel shoes after high heel shoes, and cup sizes after cup sizes," added Goodman.

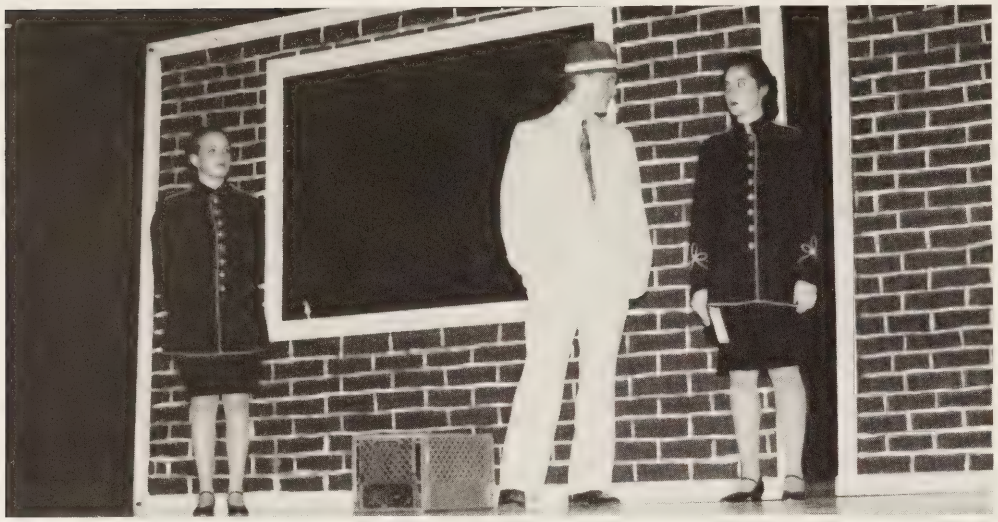
Involvement in the contest may have been fun and enjoyable for the contestants who showed their talent by acting and dancing. It was, however, even more enjoyable for the crowd watching it and laughing till they couldn't laugh any more.

"I thought the male beauty contest was great," said junior Heather Wickline. "I thought the guys were really great to get up there and shake their stuff. I almost fell to pieces laughing at them."

"Preparing for my role as Lois Lay was a lot of work, especially when being a girl is not my speciality."
-Kevin Goodman

Getting on stage and pretending to be a girl may be embarrassing for some males, but certainly not for those who participated. "It was fun because I like making people laugh," said senior Phillip Wentz. It was also a great experience for me. "I wasn't nervous because I plan on going into acting," added Wentz.

During the performance of *Guys and Gals*, Sky Masterson (LeePayne) promises one dozen sinners will be at her [Sarah's] next mission meeting in order to trick Sarah (Sandra Nichols) into going to Havahan with him. (photo by: Steven Miller)



Dancing to "A Bushel and a Peck" Mollie Smith leads the other members of the chorus line in a dance. Leanne Watson, Melodie Gatewood, and Karen Swan follow her directions in the 1995 spring musical. (photo by: Steven Miller)

Practice makes Perfect

The behind the scenes work on Guys and Dolls as hard but was necessary for the great success of the play.

Lights, camera and a lot of hard work was what took place before the final action. *Guys and Dolls* preparation took a long time, but the final product was well worth the effort.

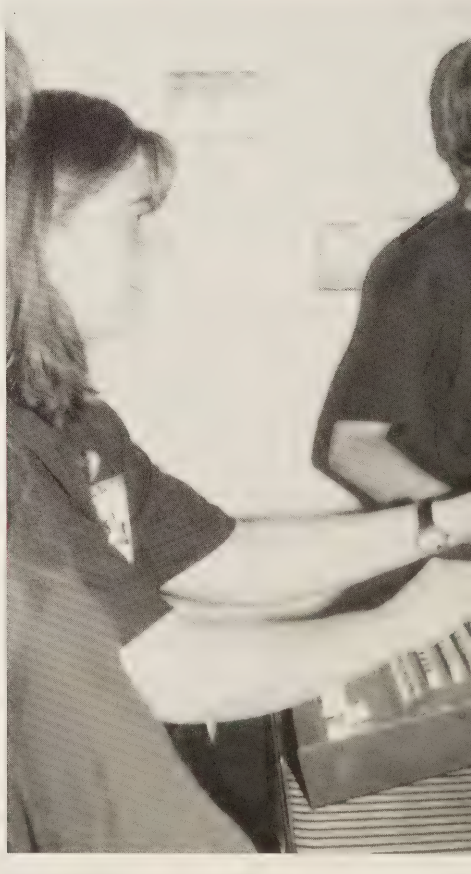
Junior Ronald Seidman and sophomore Matt Furukawa were in charge of the lights and sound. "I had experience using the equipment from Knightly News, and so I volunteered to help out with the play. I was very nervous because I knew that if I made a mistake Mrs. Kemp [drama teacher] would kill me," said Seidman.

The set was painted by science teacher Mr. Mann. It was designed to look like a photo of New York streets. "I drew a picture on a piece of paper and then put it on an overhead projector to put it on the wall. It took me about twelve hours over a period of a couple weeks. I had never done something so big and it was amazing to see the final product."

Junior Lee Payne's mother did the costumes by looking up what people wore in the late '40s to the early '50s. "Working on the costumes for the play involved lots of hard work, but working with the students was very rewarding," said Mrs. Payne.

"We had to practice for three months everyday after school, except Fridays."
- Lee Payne

Practice was what it took for the actors and actresses to get their lines just right. "We had practice for three months everyday after school, except Fridays," recalled Lee Payne. As one of the main characters, junior Aaron Smith had a lot of lines to remember. "When you practice everyday it becomes second nature. Since I knew my lines so well the whole play was a breeze."



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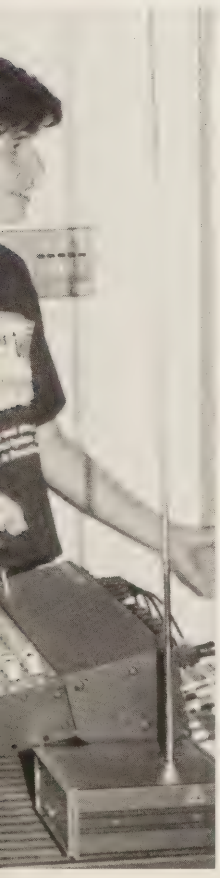
Senior Chris Ahart, a sinner, sings solo at the mission meeting. Ahart sang the song " Sit Down Your Rocking the Boat" as the other sinners look on. (photo by: Steven Miller)

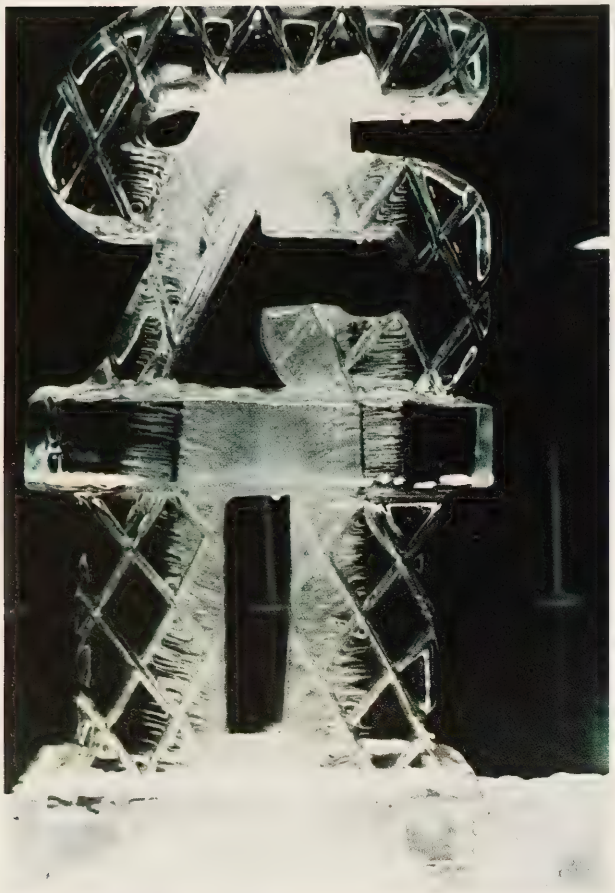


Jennnifer Oliver adjusts the sound while Ronald Seidman looks out on stage. The technical aspects of the play had to be perfected for the play to work. (photo by: Matt Furukawa)

Mollie Smith (Adelaide), and Tom O'Halloran (Nathan Detroit), argue about when they are going to get married (photo by: Steven Miller.)

After a hectic rehearsal, Matt Sawyer, Lee Payne, Tom O'Halloran, Jim Vance, and Kim Vance goof off with a chorus line. (photo by: Steven Miller)

The 95 ice sculpture that was present in the lobby gave a new twist to the Prom decorations.



Looking over the DJ's selection for requests, Ben Sweeny and Matt Lear decide what they will choose for the next dance.

After being announced Prom King and Queen, Seniors Evan Hnt and Carrie Tarqinio laugh about their upcoming dance.

When the music slowed down couples got a chance to be able to slow dance, like Conway Reid and his girlfriend Kim Morgan.

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Dancing with friends at the Prom Jed Hall leads his friends by snapping his fingers to the music.

Before walking out the door to go to Prom Senior Michael Beasley pauses to pick up his tuxedo jacket he almost forgot.

Breaking no Bread

With all the excitement the night was perfect except that some students' meals were forgotten.

Enchantment was in the air that April night; gals in their formals and guys in their bowties. A little something to eat would have been a great way to start an evening like that. That's where it bombed. On Prom night a few students had trouble filling their stomachs and were left filling their plates once the dance was over.

"We went to Cafe Michael's. We had been seated for two hours and all we had gotten were our drinks. We never got served, but they made us pay for the drinks,' said senior Angie Coleman. Having not arrived to the prom until 9:30, Coleman and her party were extremely hungry. "After prom we ate like dogs we were so hungry," added Coleman.

At a different restaurant, senior Jenny Jones also waited a long time. "Four of us decided to go to Olde Towne Steak and Seafood. We waited for two long hours for a table. It's a very small restaurant, so we had to wait outside," said Jones.

"After prom we ate like dogs we were so hungry."
-Angi Coleman

Even those students who decided not to trouble themselves with reservations had some trouble. Senior Heather Rumuly just went to her friend's house for dinner. "It was very awkward because nobody was talking. I was nervous, and I kept dropping food on my dress," Rumuly said.

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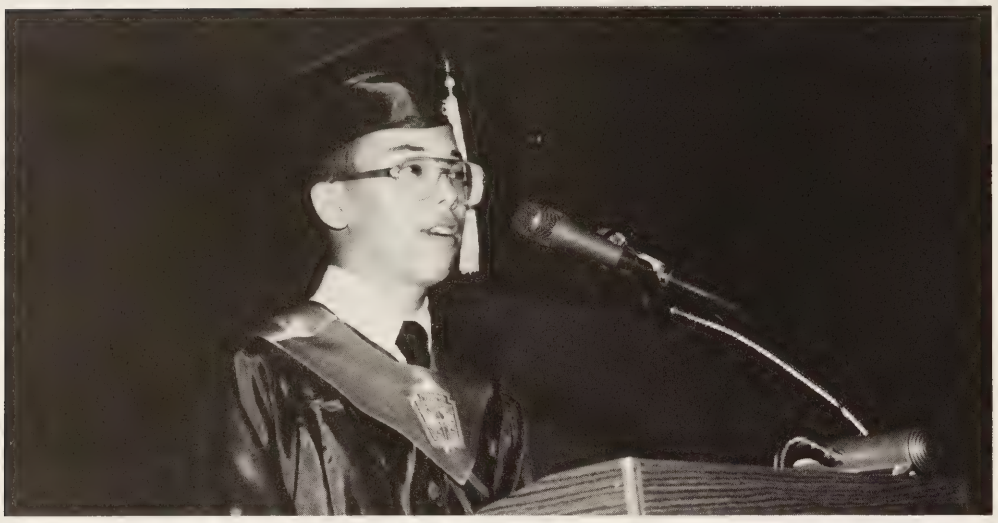
Addressing his fellow students, Christopher Yee makes last impressions on his class. Yee made many accomplishments including being the class validictorian.(photo by: Sandra Woodcock)



After receiving her diploma, Lori Ashwell then proceeds to the class president, Kim Tate, who moves her tassel to the opposite side in the tradition of graduation. (photo by: Sandra Woodcock)

Leaving it Behind

All the years you've attended school struggling to get the best grades and all this hardwork boils down to one single day.

Ticking by as slowly as they possibly could, the minutes until graduation are minutes until your locker and hall pass days are over. Some students would venture on to further their education and others already had careers waiting for them.

Some '95 seniors had a lot to say about finally graduating. " I am ready to roll," said Senior Heather Mauro. "I'm planning to make my career as a hair stylist, so I'm all set," added Mauro.

Others had no idea what was going to happen after they stepped out of high school for the last time. Some, like Becki Rice, said they knew college was in their future, but that's about it. " I couldn't wait to get out of school, and I am planning on going to Germana Community College, but I'm still not sure what my plans are or what I'm going to pursue in the future," Rice said. " I'm little scared about making the right decisions, but I'm so glad to be getting out of here." Jeremy Bubp agreed. " I am just so ready to leave; Graduation is the highlight of my school career."

Thinking on the same line, Jody Beedle was planning on attending Germana College also. "I am so happy to be getting out of there. I'm not really scared, just very excited. I'll decide soon what to do with my life; right now I just want to concentrate on college," Beedle said.

"I'm a little scared about making the right decisions, but so glad to be out of here."
-Becki Rice

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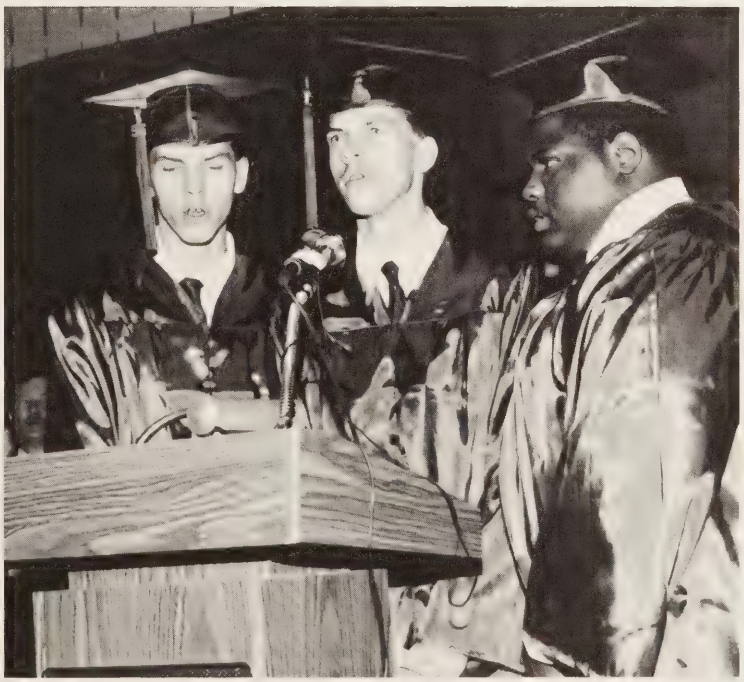
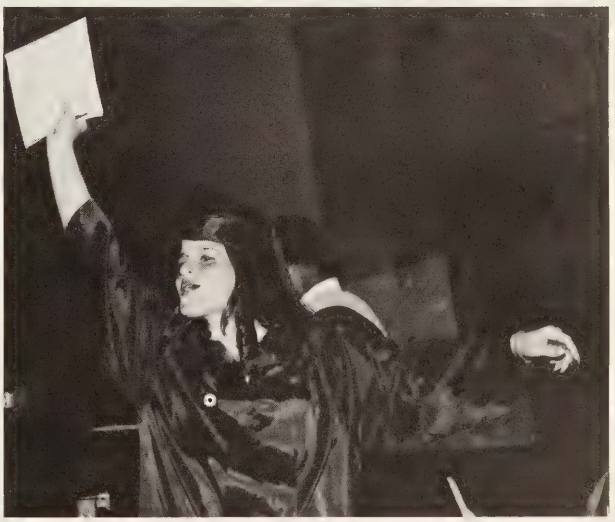
Looking up at his family, Mike Cagnina smiles. After many ideas, they finally decided to have the ceremony in the gym in order to seat all the people.(photo by: Sandra Woodcock)

All the stress evaporates from Rebecca Andreas as soon as she sits down after recieving her diploma. She just lounges back as she blows a bubble.(photo by: Sandra Woodcock)

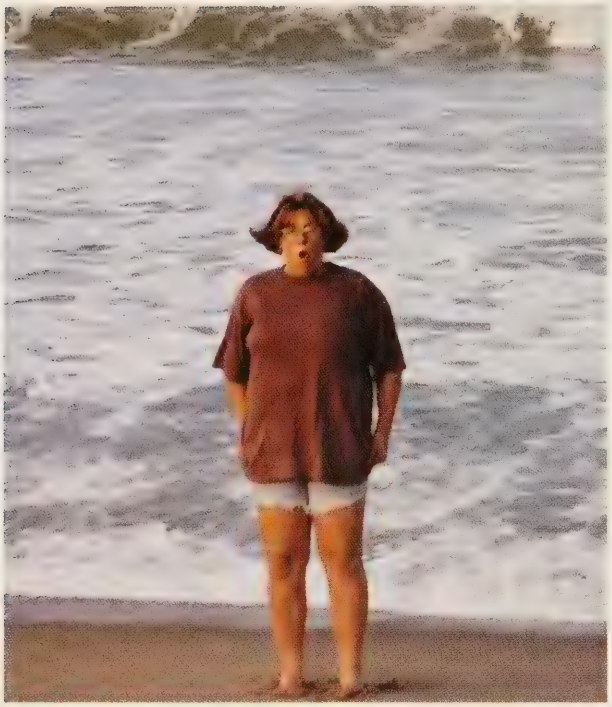


Singing the Alma Mater, Brian and Ryan Eubank, and Robert Pope get the whole gymnasium to join in with them.(photo by: Sandra Woodcock)



After finally receiving her diploma, Channin Schmidt turns toward the crowd and holds it triumphantly for everyone to see. (photo by: Sandra Woodcock)

Away at Nags Head beach in North Carolina, freshman Diane Jessee stands in front of the ocean as she waits for the cold wave to come up from behind her.



"We stayed for two weeks at Disney World. We were eating breakfast at the Polonisian Resort when Chip came up and hugged my sister and I," said senior Susan Sorrell.

"We were lifeguards at Fawn Lake over the summer. The best part was being in the chair to guard," said juniors Joy Scheer and Diana Falls.

"I went to Bradenton, Florida to visit my grandmother. We went fishing together and I was trying to catch a fish, but I failed," said junior Sandra Nichols.

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"I was in Europe at the coliseum for three weeks. The coliseum was one of the most facinating things that I saw," said junior Brandon Peyton.

While in Seattle, Washington junior Jason Myers went to the mountains and decided to be brave and rope swing off a mountain.

Getting it Together

When you realize you have forgotten something you can't live without, everything you got together falls apart.

After spending hours packing for vacation, being careful to make sure you packed everything, all of those tedious hours are wasted when you realize you forgot something important. One of the biggest problems students have is packing.

Students look forward to summer vacation all winter long, but forgetting an important item can ruin the whole trip. " I didn't bring enough shirts , so I had to wear all of these old shirts while I was on vacation," said senior Sherman Evans.

Some students forget things that aren't as bad as they seem. "I forgot my brush, so I had to borrow my friend's brush so everything worked out smoothly," said junior Mike Banks.

Other students do things to prevent packing problems. Senior April Delaney said, " I make a list of everything and check each item off as I gather them together, that way I don't leave anything behind."

"I forgot my brush, so I had to borrow my friend's so everything worked out smoothly."
- Mike Banks

Figuring out ways not to leave anything very important helps students have a better time away from home. That way they won't be caught in a sticky situation like Mrs. Fontenot when she forgot to pack her deodorant on her last summer vacation.

Eating lunch together, Melaine Poblacion and her boyfriend John Flaherty sit side by side. Lunch is one of the only times they can spend together. (Photo by: Jinjer Humphries)

Laughing, junior Ruthie Coppage tells her friend freshman Vincent McCall about the day before. It's not unusual to see the two laughing together at lunch.(photo: by Holly Doron)

Battle of the Sexes

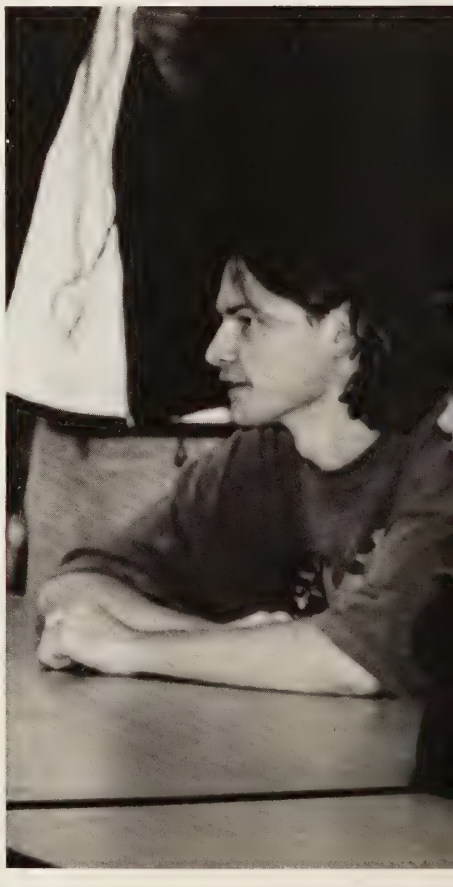
The opposite sex can be very confusing,whether you're a girl or a guy you never really know the other.

Guys and Dolls. This isn't the 1995 spring play we're talking about, but rather the way guy's perceive gals. " I look to see if they have a nice body," said junior Rasheem Robinson. Junior Chuck Tolson agrees, " The first thing I look at is the face," said Tolson.

like. " I look at a guy's clothes, so I can see how much money they have," said senior Rochelle Cole. Junior Jennifer Compton agreed, " They dress nice; they look nice," said Compton. Junior Bevin Strider feels that while looks are the first thing you look at," A person's personality is what keeps you interested," Strider explained.

Remember that old question "Who's better girls or guys?" Well, the answer

"I look at a guy's clothes to see how much money he has"
– Rochelle Cole



While faces and bodies are the things some look at first, not everyone does. "When I first see a girl I just look and see if I can tell what type of personality they have by the way they treat other people," sophomore Billy Stivek said.

Girls on the other hand have a totally different perspective than the guys do. They check to see how they dress rather than what they physically look

might not be as easy as the girls thinking their better and vice-versa. Girls understand peoples emotions, while guys are better at things that require a lot of physical strength," sophomore Cleo Archie said. Senior Seth Loveless is one guy that felt that girls do something better than guys, "We play sports better, but I think girls dress a lot better," said Loveless.

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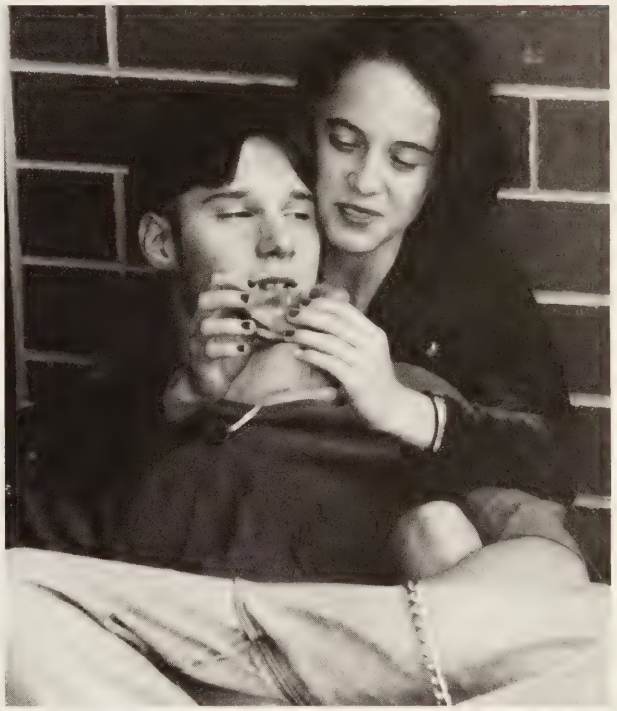
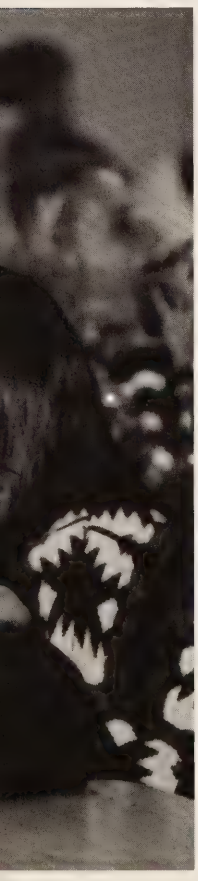
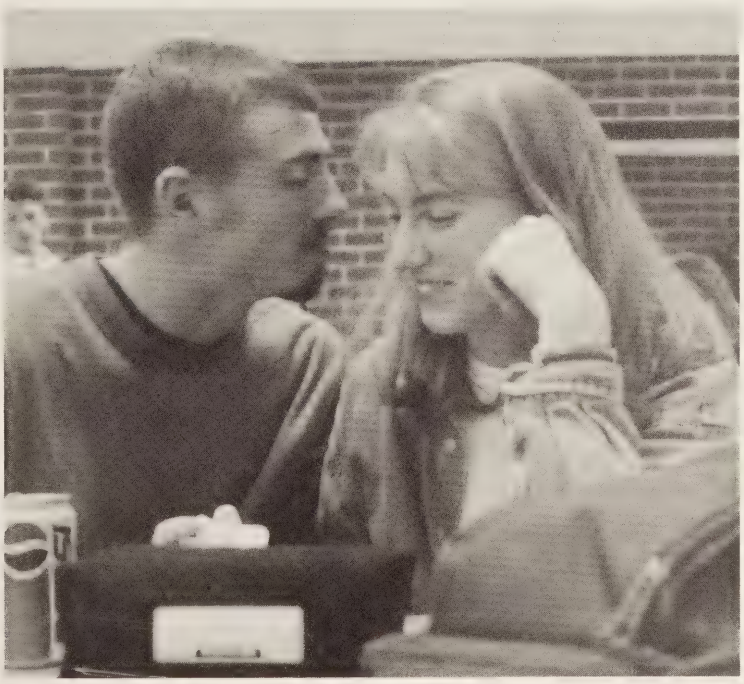
School is one of the only places that freshman Analisa Carlson is able to see her boyfriend sophomore Travis Eades. Here the couple makes the most of their time together during lunch. (photo by: Chenille Eason)







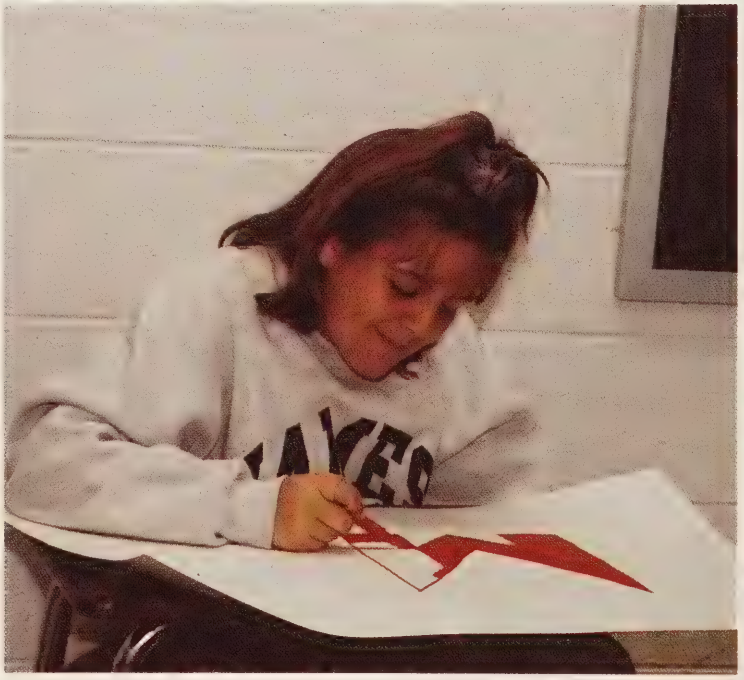
After finishing their lunches, sophomore Laticia Richeleau and senior Kris Davis watch one of their friends. They share many of the same friends and interests. (photo by:Jinjer Humphries)

Lunch time allows sophomore Becca Miller and senior Brad Weaver time to talk about how their day was going and to plan their after school activities. (photo by: Holly Doran)

In a secluded corner freshman Cameron Young and his girlfriend Angela Thurman spend time together during lunch. They often sit here in order to escape the noise of the cafeteria. (photo by: Jinjer Humphries)

While waiting for a ride after school, freshman Angela Nissel sits alone to think through the day.

Spending some time alone, whether a chore or not, junior Sarah Edwards works in the flower beds around her home (photo by: Holly Doran).



In order to complete a poster, junior Amy walace gets away from her friends for a while.

With all the confusion of the cafeteria, senior Tanya Ittner sits out in the courtyard while studying for an upcoming test.

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During his free time, senior Seth Loveless washes his car. He uses the time alone to get away from his school worries (photo by: Holly Doran).

Taking time to get away from her friends and family, senior Susan Sorrell goes shopping at the mall (photo by: Chenille Eason).

Peace and Quiet

The stress at school has you all wound up and in need for time to relax to maintain your sanity.

Whether eating, sleeping, or doing homework, everyone deserved a little peace and quiet. Some students liked to do physical activities solo to help them relax.

"I play basketball alone. It helps me clear my mind," said junior Randy Ennis.

For junior David Thomas, physical activity was the way to go. He often rode his mountain bike alone.

Some students perfered to watch others do physical activity. "I watch football when I have time alone for some peace and quiet," said senior Brian Hudgins.

Many students listened to music or daydreamed. "When I have time alone I like to listen to music and daydream, "said junior Mike Banks.

For some students there was never enough time for any fun. "I always have homework so I never have time to do anything," said junior Tanya Ittner. "I guess I would love to just have time to lay around and daydream."

"I watch football when I have time alone for some peace and quiet."
-Brian Hudgins

Some students like having time alone because it takes the stress off of everything.

"After being at school all day, when I have time alone, I like to lay on my bed and just talk to my boyfriend or just think about how the day went and maybe do some homework," said freshman Tracey Pennington.

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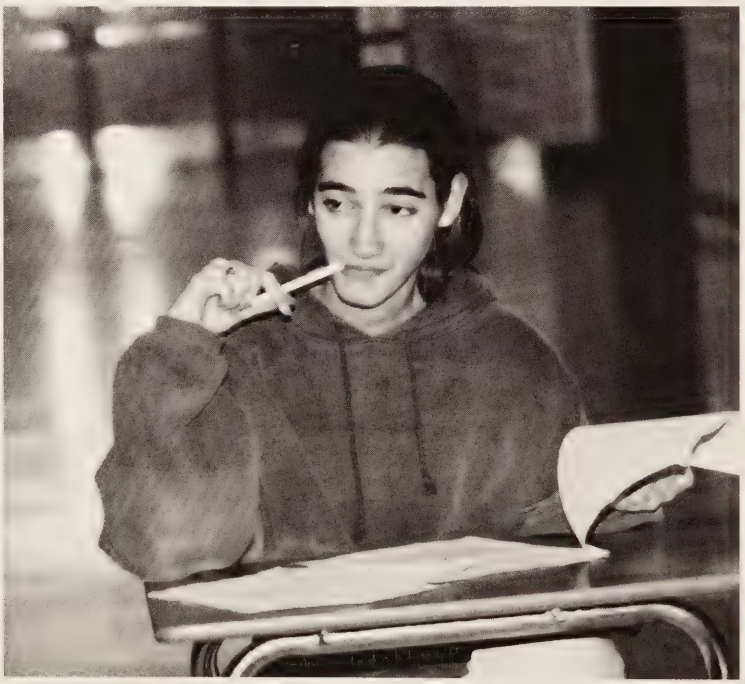
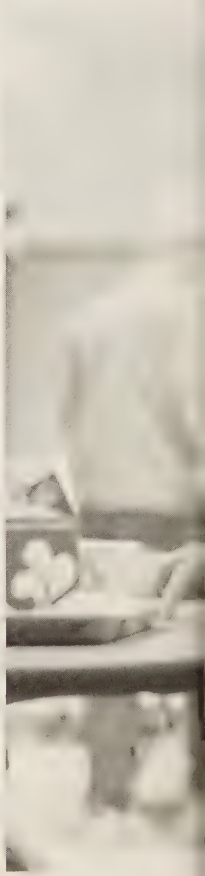
Working hard on her math homework, senior Erica Burge focuses on her task. Hard work and concentration were required in order to be successful.

Group work can help make some tasks easier. Helping each other out and exchanging ideas made understanding easier for many students.



Working on a make-up assignment, senior Elizabeth Wartell sits out in the hall so she can concentrate.



Finishing up his homework at the end of lunch, freshman Derrick Bauer puts forth his best effort. Sometimes lunch was the only time students had to finish their work.

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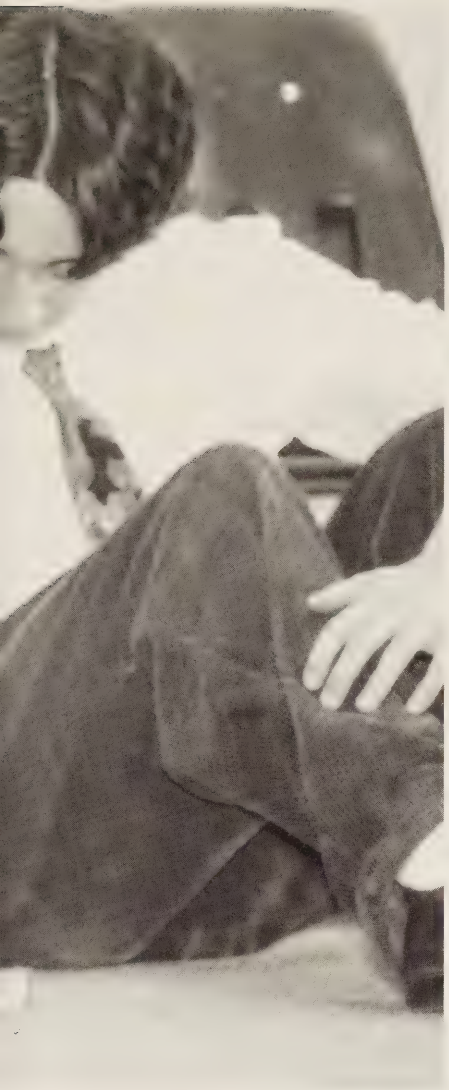

Tutoring a student, Josh Duncan helps out through the AmeriCorp program. The program puts college students back into the community to lend a helping hand.

Hard at work, senior Robbie Zahabi sits back and thinks about the task at hand. Zahabi's sense of humor comes through when he puts his gloves on his feet.

Second time Around

After graduation, many students take their high school memories and go off to start a new part of their life. College sophomore Josh Duncan, however, couldn't get enough of high school, so he came back. Through the AmeriCorp's program Duncan came back to high school to help tutor students.

After graduating from Chancellor high school in 1994, Duncan went off to Germanna. There he learned about the AmeriCorp program and its benefits. "With this job I get some money every two weeks and also a paid scholarship for college," said Duncan.

The AmeriCorps is a nationwide organization that takes college students and tries to get them back into the community. They partake in service projects from tutoring to refurnishing houses.

Spending so much time away from the campus, Duncan missed out on some college activities. "I come here to tutor Monday through Thursday. Sometimes we offer an after school tutoring session from 7 to 9. Then I still have my classes at the college, and so I miss out on leisure time. I don't really have a lot of time for parties and hanging out with my friends. Usually I end up staying up all night finishing my homework," said Duncan.

"I love teaching and helping other people. After I graduate I want to become a high school teacher." -Josh Duncan

High school is different the second time around according to Duncan. "I really didn't like high school at all when I was in it, but now I love it. I love to teach, and after I graduate I hope to become a high school teacher," said Duncan.

Back to help the future, Germanna sophomore Josh Duncan came back to high school to tutor students.

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Involvement in Spirit Week is the highlight of the year for many of the students. Freshman Melodie Moore shows off her spirit on messy hair-day by teasing her hair into a Medusa-like-hairstyle.

Watching the action outside, during her lunch shift, sophomore Vanessa Dunlap and her friend show their spirit for messy hair day.

On pajama day, freshman Jackie Clark shows her spirit by wearing her Mickey Mouse pajamas and holding her Mickey Mouse.

Participating in their senior ritual, Wendy Merritt and Angelica Castro put on their toga to participate in class day.

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Students went back to the future as one of their spirit days and already seniors Erica Burge and Jenny Jones are making the senior caps for class day.

Spirit week brings out the best in everyone as sophomores Wendy Pope, Crystal Bowles, Barbara Dennis, and Natalie Williams show their spirit for pajama day.

Causing a Scene

"The positive atmosphere brought us closer together..."
-Lisa Burdett

Wacky, crazy people appeared at school starting Monday of spirit week and didn't leave until Friday. These flamboyant kids were all everyday students expressing themselves during spirit week.

"The positive atmosphere brought us closer together because if we do things as a whole it brings us closer. People just got wild and crazy just for school; it was a lot of fun," said freshman Lisa Burdette.

The reason for spirit week is to see how much spirit one class has, but it also serves other purposes, like bringing us together. "It brought the whole school together and gets us all psyched for Homecoming. I think more spirit days would lessen violence in school because people are proud when they work for school supports," sophomore Amanda Czarnecki said.

"High school is full of a lot different groups, but during spirit week even diverse people can join in with other people; it's a way to make friends," freshman Lee Geraci said.

Certain days during spirit week were designated favorites for some. "I was proud to wear my toga," said senior Matt Stege. "I think camouflage day was the best day out of spirit week," said junior Rachel Paxton.

"I think camouflage day was the best day out of spirit week"
-Rachel Paxton

Junior Derek Bundy would like to make hat day a year round event. We should wear hats every Friday. It would increase the peace."

Before the pep rally, juniors Chris Wyche and Steven Miller perform for their fellow classmates. (photo by Alex Russell).

Expressing his school spirit, senior Tony Allatore sits on senior Robby Zahabi's shoulders during the homecoming pep rally.

Getting it Together

Even with the rain the students spirits soared as they participated in the Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally

A devil with a blue dress on sounded harmless enough until shouts of death and victory filled the gym during the homecoming pep rally.

Forced to move indoors due to the fog, didn't damper school spirit, according to senior Jonathan Biscoe. "I wished the pep rally had been outside because it never has since we've come to the new school. Any ways it still rocked even if it did have to be in the gym."

Not every school celebrated homecoming. For junior Kyle Otte this was her first spirited experience. "Back in New Jersey we didn't even have homecomings. I guess it's more of a southern thing because everyone around here seems to know all about it and really get into it. It was really great," said Otte.

Winning the spirit stick and shocking the school were the juniors who barely beat out the seniors. " I think it is so awesome that we won. I was sure that the seniors were going to win," said junior Klare Potter.

Practices were held and stunts rehearsed by the cheerleaders long before the week began, "I've been looking forward to cheering in the pep rally for a long time. We practiced for three weeks just for it and everyone was really excited. I think we did a really great job and got school spirits really going," said freshman Erin Cristie.

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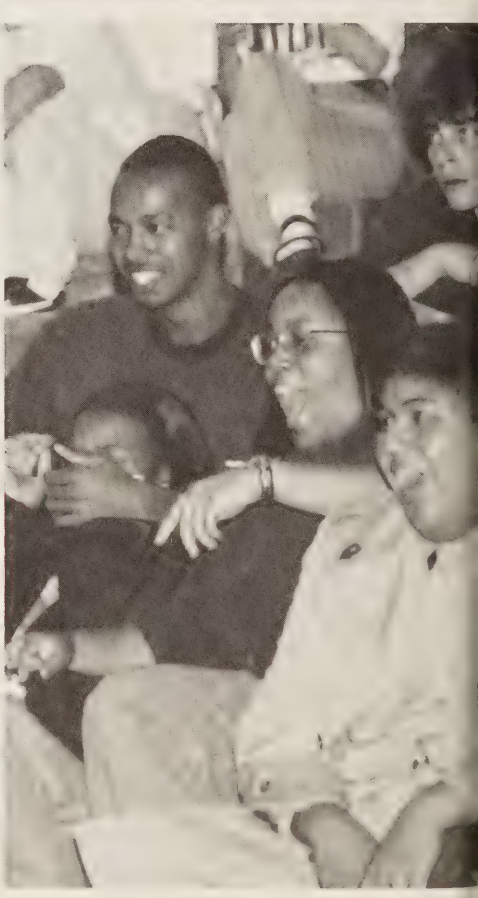
–Klare Potter



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Showing enthusiasm, seniors Jeremy Mascher and Sam Parshall parade around the gymnasium during the pep rally. (photo by: Alex Russell)

Cheering with his fellow sophomore classmates, Nick Tovar helps his friends try to win the traditional cheering competition between class levels. (photo by: Jinger Humphries)

Participating in the traditional homecoming parade, drama club members carry props for their skit. (photo by: Alex Russell)

SCA member Kristen Southerland motivate the crowd by performing the "We Believe" chant. The chant has been a tradition for years. (photo by: Alex Russell)

Living it up at homecoming juniors Scott Smith and Jason Myers have a great time dancing and having fun. (photo by Alex Russel)

Homecoming court: Steve Hudson, Damon Smith, Roger Kennedy, Blair Mastin, Lee Payne, Billy Grantz, Larry Christopher, Mike Banks, Budd Jackson, Mollie Smith, Melanie Edwards, Erica Burge, Susan Darnell, Evante Talley, Sandra Nichols, Norah Fick, Jennifer Turner, Kim Morgan.

As others were dancing senior Mike Smith was taking a break at the refreshment table before he went back in to dance. (photo by: Alex Russel)

Seniors Michelle Brown, Heather Daniels, junior Melissa Brown, Joy Sheer, sophomores Marjann Sorcsen and Windsor Hall have a great time dancing without the guys. (photo by: Alex Russel)

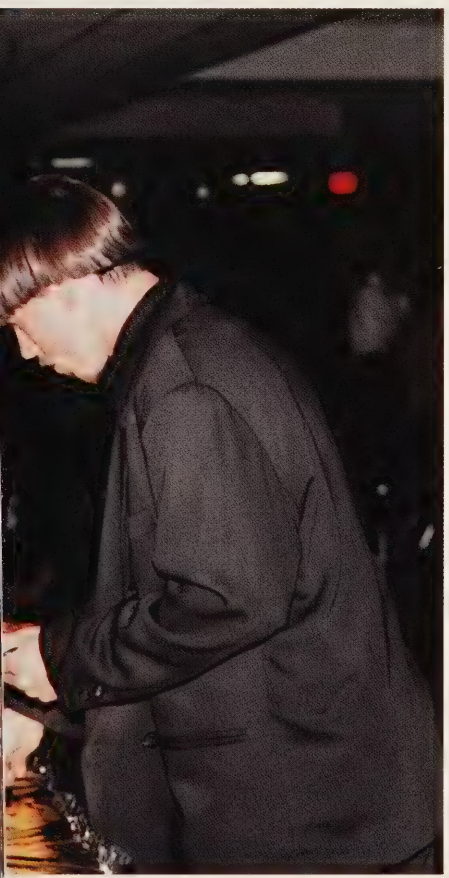
Having a great time with her friends, senior Jessica Taylor dances in the center of their circle. (photo by: Alex Russel)

Pulling it Together

This year's Homecoming was a success but not without a fair share of work by many students in the SCA.

Hours of preparation, days of thought just to make sure everything is perfect. Then you go home and get ready for the Homecoming dance yourself. Sound a little off? To the members of the S.C.A it's just another year. Friday the 19th many of the S.C.A members stayed to help clean up from the pep-rally.They finished just in time to run to the Football game. Saturday, before the dance, the rest of the S.C.A members arrived at the school by 6:30 a.m. and stayed until the decorating was finished. "It's so much work," said senior Jennifer Armstrong. "We started planning this year's Homecoming last year. We meet over the summer to decide what to order. We had to make sure the shop classes had everything they needed. We had to get a photographer for pictures, plan the food, the pep-rally, and the bonfire," Armstrong added. S.C.A. sponsor Mrs.Cole agreed,"We were in charge of Homecoming court, we had to count the votes, buy the flowers, plan spirit week, do the spirit count, and spirit links. And more. " Cole added. S.C.A sponsor Mrs. Wood said, "In all, I'd say we worked on this Homecoming over 100 hours, after school, during school, over the summer, last year. "

"It's so much work. We sarted planning for this year's Homecoming last year."
-Jennifer Armstrong



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During the Christmas season, gift giving is a big thing with students. Freshmen Eryn Thomas and Anna Bieneck exchange presentsin their study hall.

Even little things brighten a freinds day. During their ILT English class, junior Crystal Brooks offers a blue Blow-Pop to one of her good friends, junior Aimee Swisher.

Giving and Taking

Lifting spirits is the idea behind gift-giving. From little things to big things students show their friend appreciation.

Uplifting and just so darn nice is the reason freinds surprise one another with gifts from the heart. For a birthday or just for a little pick-me-up, gift giving occurs anually.

"Receiving gifts in school makes me feel really good about my freindships. It's good to know that your freinds really do care about you and that they're thinking about you," said junior Karen St. John.

Straight from the heart and full of love was the junior Lisa Bennett's boyfreinds' idea when it came to surprising her on her birthday. "He showed up at school with flowers and balloons on my birthday. I was really touched and it made me feel very special. I had a very good birthday," Bennett said.

Envy of everyone is the best part of recieving gifts in school, according to junior Kim Bridges. "I love getting flowers in school and everyone sees you in the hall and think they wish it was them. It makes me feel special and that it really is my special day. everyone should have a day like that," said Bridges.

"Once my friends gave me a big bag of M&M's and by the end of the day, I only had five left," said freshman Heather Morgan.

Christmas time is the biggest gift giving and recieving time this school year. "The day before we went on break it looked like Santa had come and dropped off a paper factory because of all the wrapping paper that was surrounding my friends," said junior Aimee Swisher.

"It's good to know that your friends really care and that they are thinking about you."
-Karen St. John

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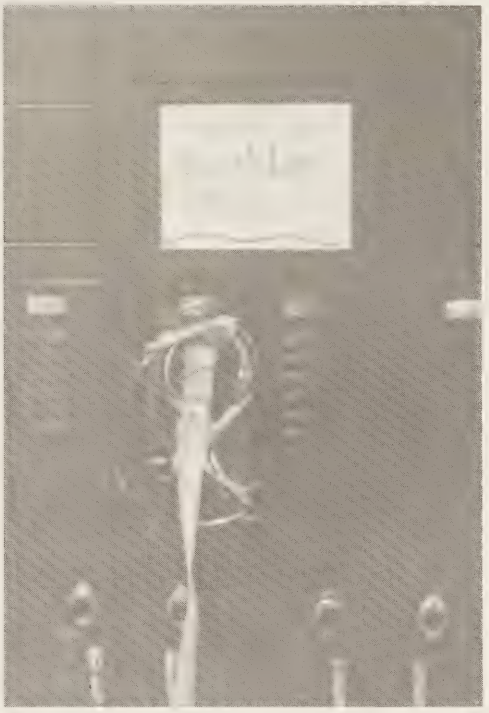
Birthdays come and go all during the school year. Friends like to decorate another's locker to let them know someone's thinking about them. Ribbons and signs always come in handy.



The act of sharing is something we learned in Kindergarten. Juniors Jamie Faulkner and Rick Ertel show their ability to share their gifts in ILT.

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Practice makes perfect, especially when you're in a band. Here, sophomore Wesley Padley and junior Stephen Miller harmonize their own song "Sweet Home Spotsylvania." (photo by: Alex Russell)

Former guitar player Danny Case practices working on his drums trying to make the drums beat flow with the other players music.

During practice, the band, juniors Nick Geraci, Danny Case, Stephen Miller, and sophomore Wes Padley take a brownie and milk break before continuing. (photo by: Alex Russell)

Leading the band, sophomore Wesley Padley, practices his abilities, singing the song, "Ignorance." (photo by: Alex Russell)

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Tuning up in the Miller basement, juniors Nick Geraci and Stephen Miller tune their guitars before they start rehearsing. (photo by: Alex Russell)

Musicians juniors Stephen Miller and Nick Geraci back up lead singer Wesley Padley with their guitars. (photo by: Alex Russell)

Rocking on Completely

Dramatically, junior Stephen Miller's basement was changed into the studio for, none other then the Picse's Club. Composing and practicing are what takes place down in their basement world of music.

walls was when we played for the John J. Wright talent show. It was a good experience for us," a member of the band, junior Danny Case said.

Seriousness about their talent only goes so far for the Picse's Band. "We try to not take it to seriously. We've all thought about maybe going on and

"I like to be different, especially when it comes to my shoes."
-Klare Potter

Since 1992, a lot of friends decided to start playing their music together and decided to call themselves a band. The members of the band have varied from different people throughtout the years. Eventually only the dedicated stuck around long enough for their first performance.

A band doesn't just mean composing music and writing lyrics, it's also about performing. "The first time we ever performed for anyone but the basement making an actual album, but it's a long time in the future. It's fun just to get together and see what we can come up with," said junior Nick Geraci.

With so many bands out in the world today, you have to find a way to stand out. "As a group we try and do different stuff for our image. Sometimes we take ideas from popular groups that are nationally known, like wearing a dress on stage when we perform." said junior Stephen Miller.

We know them as Nick, Danny, Wes, and Stephen. They're musically-talented and they call themselves the Picses' Club.

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Some people know Albert Romick as being a quite guy but when it comes to playing in the snow and with his friends he is not quite then. (Alex Russell)

Even though Dr. Adkins outlawed the throwing of snow and ice balls after school some individuals agree that he did not outlaw it in the mornings. (Alex Russell)

Watch out Behind

Though things fly in the air I, when it comes time for snowballs to fly the words "no" are said by teachers.

Look up in the sky it's a bird, it's a wall, no look again it's just another snowball thrown from one of the students.

This year many kids wanted to throw snowballs when school let out but were only disappointed when the announcement came on the intercom and said, "No snowballs are to be throw." But thinking that nobody would get hurt, many students threw the snowballs anyway. "Ithink you should be able to have snowball fights at school as long as everybody is careful," said junior Laura Brooks.

Some thought that being able to go outside and throw snowballs was a way fro the students to let out all the energy. Not being able to go outside and enjoy the fun of the snow that had already kept them out of school. "After being cooped up inside all day, we should be able to have a snowball fight to release the extra energy from being inside," said junior Aimee Swisher. "I think that they wanted to get out and enjoy the snow a little more before it all went away ," added Swisher.

To many snowballs can be a fun thing to have around when your friends are there, but to junior Kristen Southerland, the snowballs can sometimes be a dangerous thing. "I think it's a lack of respect for your fellow students who don't want to get hit with the snow balls," said Southerland. " High school is supposed to prepare you for life and maybe students need to start acting maturer because life does not consist of throwing snowballs," added Southerland.

"I think you should be able to have snowball fights at school."
-Laura Brooks

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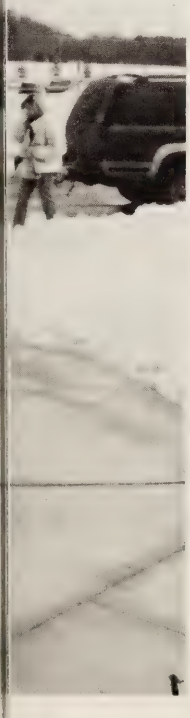
"Bombs away" as Sophomore Larry Christopher throws a snowball at his friends as Sophomores Gerald Ferris and Jeff Travis cheer him on. (photo by: Alex Russell)



Heuy Divers is one of those people who just "loves to clown around", says Divers' friends. Especially when it snows he can be found playing outside with his friends. (photo by: Alex Russell)

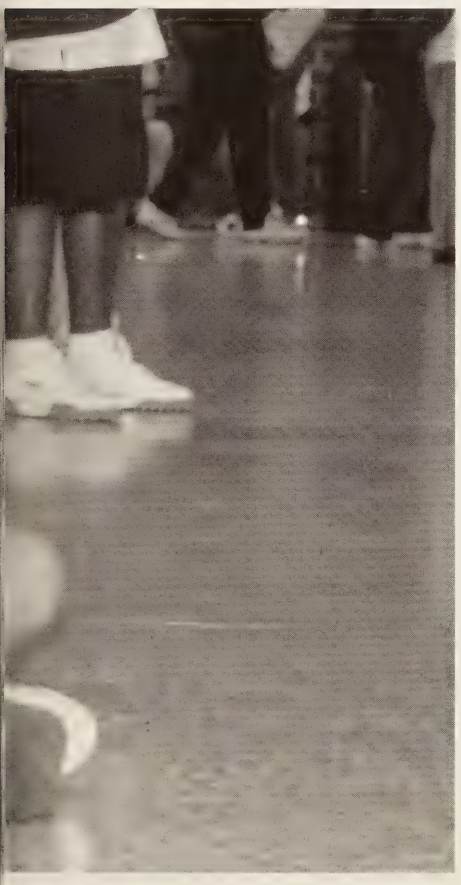
While watching the snow fall Freshman Scott Lundmark catches some snowflakes in his hand. (photo by: Jason Johnson.)

Instead of throwing the football, the guys during their lunch throw around snowballs. (photo by: Jason Johnson)

Junior Jenni Dewitt And her friends prefere the somewhat quite of the hallway to eat their lunch in rather than the cafetriia's rackett. (photo by: Jennifer Humphries)

Freshman Sarah Green and sophomore Melanie Warton hang out in the hallway after they eat their lunch, watching the people that go by. "It's more fun to eat in the hallway," Green said.(photo by: Jennifer Humphries)

After eating her lunch freshman Jena Priloe uses the remanider of her lunch time wisely and gets a head start on her homework for that night.(PhotobyJijer Humphries)



Freshman Rachel Ward likes to eat outside in the school commoms area better than indoors, even when it's cold out you can find her sitting in her normal spot.

Flooring the Subject

Food for thought or rather where you eat you food for thought. Though there is enough room in the two cafetrias for everyone to have a seat, many students prefer to eat lunch in the hallway seated on the floor.

ting on the floor is becaues there's more room, or they just don't want tons of people to watch them eat, " The only people that watch you eatr are your friends, " junior Amy Wallace said, " And that makes me feel more comfortable. Plus we have alot of inside jokes about the people that walk by us. You see some prety intersting things out in the hallway during lunch." Sophomor Melanie Warton had a differnt reason for likeing the hallway to eat in, " You have more elbow room. No one's breatheing down your neck, and you get a better view of the guys that go by."

" Its like for a while we forget that we're in school"
-Ryan Kenedy

" It's nice an cold and there's more privacy than sitting on those stool things in the cafeteria," freshman Amy Lansdoune said. Sophomore Tabithia Pratt agreed, " You have alot more room. it's so much better than eating in the cafeteria. You always end up running into poeple when you eat in there. Out in the hall you can hear your friends better, your not shouting acroos the table at them."

Sometimes the reason people eat sit-

Not only is sitting in the halls at lunch popular to eat in but eating on the benches that line the halls, Freshman Ryan Kenedy said" I We all sit there and share what we brought to eat. We laugh, and for a while we forget we're in school."

Tables and chairs won't do for these people they like tt on the floor.

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Understanding the importance of making a good impression senior Erica Burge and juniors Jessica Bruce and April Brice show pride in themselves as and their appearance by dressing nice.

Dressing for success is no foreign issue for senior Ryan Stanard. He must dress appropriately for work each day. Stanard acts as an attorney for a mock trial at the courthouse.

Excelling in Style

First and often lasting impressions are formed as a result of appearance. The SCA sponsored a Stand Up for Excellence Day. Students dressed up for the day as the CV3 News recorded the days' activities.

"I wore a suit and tie for Dress for Success Day. I usually try to dress nice because then people take you more seriously. If you are polite to people and look respectable it says something about your character and reflects your abilities," said junior Scott Smith. "First impressions mean a lot and you should always look your best," added Smith.

"I usually try to dress nice because then people take you more seriously."
-Scott Smith

Students agreed that dressing up was a great idea, positive attitudes came when students dressed up. People felt that if you pay attention to your appearance and look nice, you feel better about yourself. "Dressing makes me feel positive about my work and I can do a better job. It just makes everyone look so much nicer and is a break from just wearing jeans and a shirt," said junior Norah Fick.

Dressing up wasn't for everyone. "I don't usually dress up for school," said freshman Heather Morgan. "I did dress up for this day and got a lot of compliments," added Morgan.

Out of the ordinary was the best thing for some. "I think it was nice that the school did something for the students that was different from the normal run of things. It gave everyone a reason to feel good and look good in the process. When you dress up in puts you in a better frame of mind," said sophomore Danielle Tetting.

To stress the importance of first impressions, Dress for Success became a tradition in our school year.

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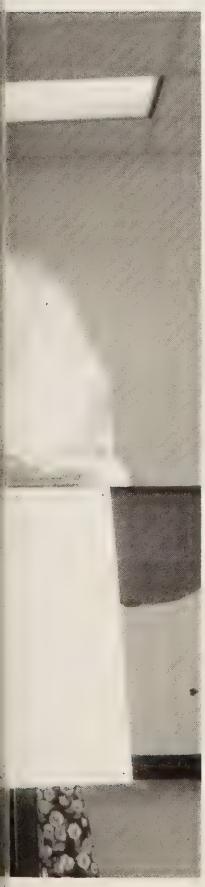
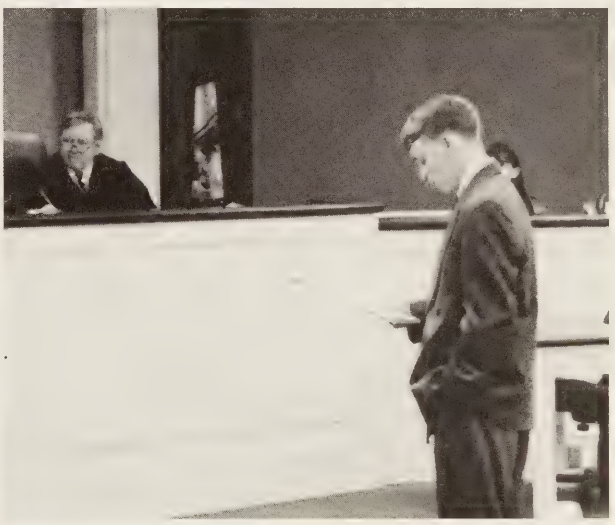
Posing in her good attire senior Melissa Palmer presents herself well during a project she's giving to her classmates.



Seating her classmates in her best dress, junior Norah Fick plays hostess for her ILT English/History class. She was sure to appear responsible and sophisticated to her peers.

Substituting for the office secretary temporarily, seniors Elizabeth Wartell and Andrea Zinn look the part they are playing. (photo by: Jason Johnson)



Looking like the prosecutor that senior Steven Hudson was playing, he rises to cross-examine the witness.

Attempting to persuade fellow Greasers, senior Mark Main talks to juniors Tom O'Halloran, Lee Payne, sophomore Rob Stanley, and sophomore Alex Buchanan (photo by: Liza Krueger).

Showing the way to his friends, sohomore Rob Stanley points juniors Lee Payne, Tom O'Halloran, and sophomore Alex Buchanan in the right direction as senior Mark Main looks on (photo by: Liza Krueger).

Looking from Outside

Performance on stage calls for talent of entering a character from the outside.

Snow days and other unforeseen events made it hard for the cast of the Outsiders to get the play together on time. With only about eight weeks to prepare for the play, the lost days due to snow put added stress on the actors.

" Some days during the snow we got together at each others houses, but Mrs. Kemp couldn't come because she'd be libel. We almost had to cancel the play because of all of the snow," said junior Tom O'Halloran. " The days we did have school we had rehearsal every day and dress rehearsal the nights before the play," added O'Halloran.

Even without much time to practice, junior Lee Payne felt that the play was a big success,"I think that we did really well for the amount of time we had. We had to learn our lines, learn blocking, get costumes together, build the set, and get all of the lighting and sound right," said Payne.

The hard work of the entire cast made the play a success according to Payne. " The reason for the success was everybody's own personal desire to do good. Because of all of the snow we had to work extra hard individually and perform to our own personal best," added Payne.

"The hardest part of the play for me was my death scene. I guess because I'd never died before."
-Alex Buchannan

Never having starred in a school drama production before, sophomore Alex Buchannan had many worries. "The hardest thing for me was my death scene. I didn't really know what to do because I had never died before," said Buchannan."I felt really good and was proud of what we all had accomplished."

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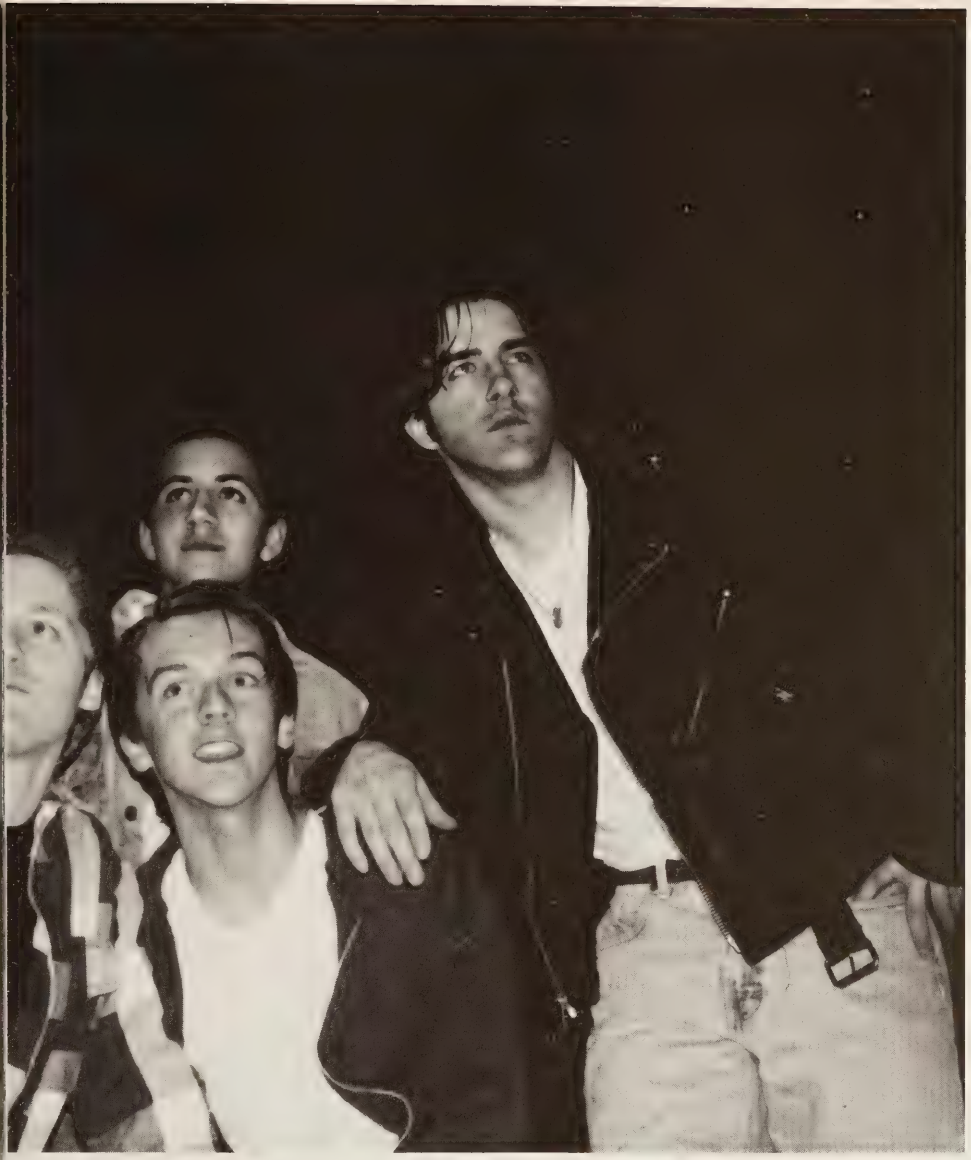


Nearing the end of the play junior Lee Payne strikes a pose while sophomore Rob Stanley and seniors Mike Hall and Mark Main gather together to show themselves (photo by: Liza Krueger).

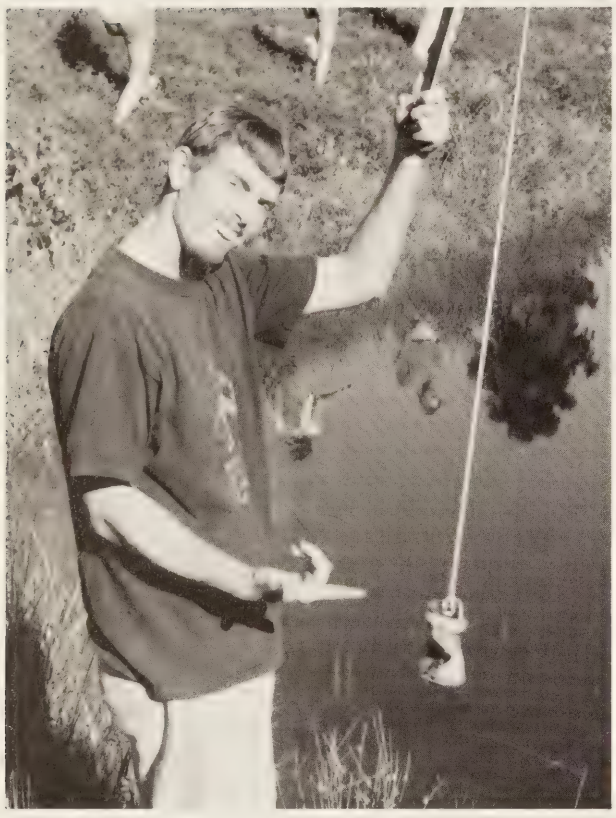
The Outsiders romantic couple, sophomores Rob Stanely and Kelly Valance, gaze into each others eyes while talking seriously about their future and relationship (photo by Liza Krueger).

Playing with sophomore Julie Coleman's hair, senior Mark Main flirts around while junior Tom O'Halloran, sophomore Crystal Morris, and sophomore Alex Buchanan watch (photo by Liza Krueger).

Trying to help out an uncertain friend, junior Tom O'Halloran trys to comfort sophomore Alex Buchanan as he looks to the sky (photo by Liza Krueger).

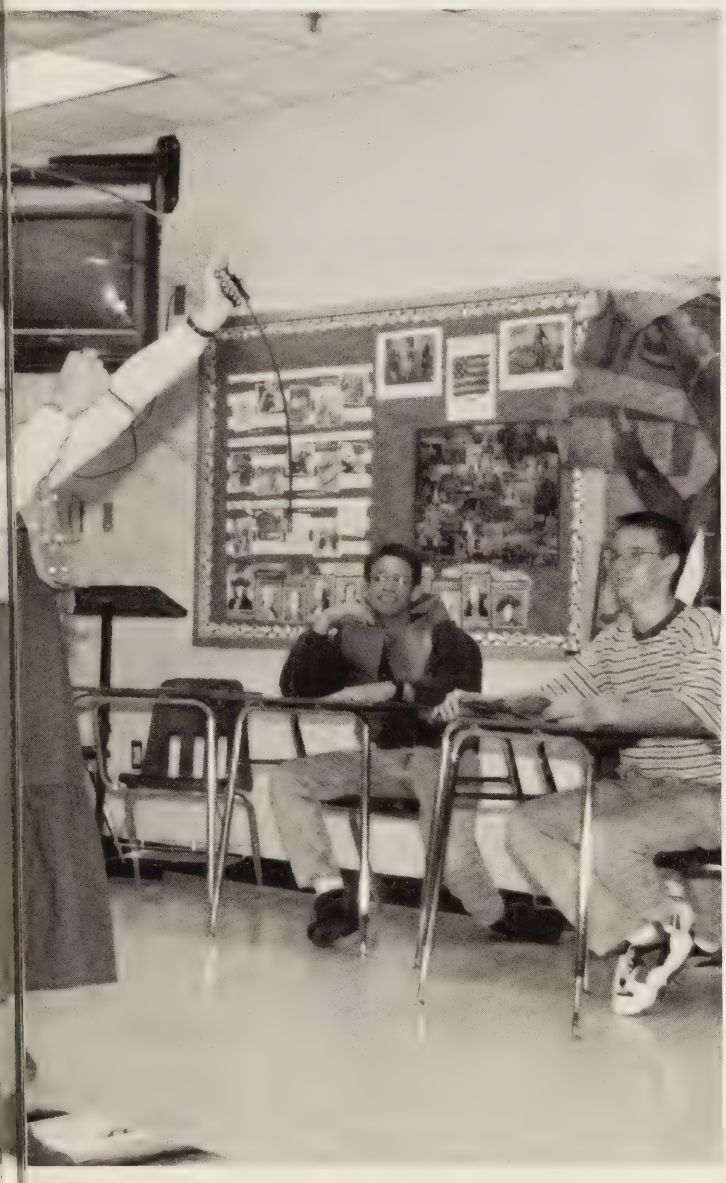
Possible future biologists study the remains of a cat in their Bio II Seminar. Junior Cindy Wadman and seniors Amanda Hayward and John Shannon prod gently, making sure not to destroy their lab.(photo by: Chenille Eason)

Ice cream is the topic of the day in Mrs. Pritchett's Earth Science class. Freshman Derrek Bauers stirs it slowly in order to get it just right.



Science covers a lot of bases, even fishing. Senior Brad Weaver unsuccessfully fishes in Enviromental Science. His greatest catch is this can.

All decked out in their Native American attire, juniors Sabrina Casarati, Melissa Edwards, Sandra Nichols, and Norah Fick present in thier ILT English/ History class.(photo by: Alex Russell)



PIECING IT TOGETHER

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Striving *for excellence was one of our major goals for this year. Sometimes it seemed like it would be difficult to reach our goal as we had new teachers in the classrooms, and we missed so much school because of all the snow. We didn't move toward the future at warp speed, but went slowly through the year. With all of the incentives offered this year we always did our an expanded*

peice of mind

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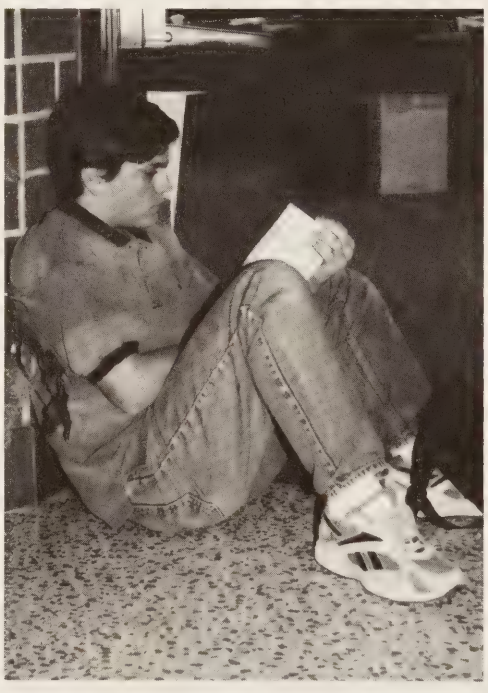
The relaxed atmosphere of the outside courtyard during lunch provided Melanie Acors with the quiet time she needed for a little extra studying before class (photo by: Alex Russell).

During lunch, Jennifer Armstrong, Kristen Southerland and Chenille Eason put their heads together to solve a problem (photo by: Alex Russell).

Studying during lunch and helping out each other are two ways that Heath Moser and Mylene DelPilar manage their free time (photo by: Alex Russell).

Sitting in a corner by himself, Lucien Shoemaker finds some time to accomplish some additional reading (photo by: Jason Johnson).



Jennifer Herriot takes a few minutes to get started on her homework assignment, while waiting for a ride after school (photo by: Jennifer Humphries).

The Daily Juggling Act

Facts and Stats

Top 5 Study Environents

1. In a warm place
2. With music playing
3. Being alone
4. While watching T.V.
5. While eating

For The Active And Involved Student, Time Management Is A Serious Issue

Rehearsing for band, taking orders at McDonalds, and conditioning for track: who has time to study for Chemistry.

Many people would assume that involvement in so many activities would affect schoolwork "Sometimes when I had a basketball game I would not have a lot of time for my homework, and it could affect my school work, but I try hard not to let it," sophomore Becca Miller said.

Sometimes we find it hard to decide what should come first- school or our lives. Sophomore Melanie Payne participates in Marching Band, French club, Science club, Renaissance club, and church youth group. "I hardly have time for everything but I manage. I do it all no matter how long it takes," Payne said.

"Each activity is expected to be my first proirity but what is most important to me comes first."
-Monica Robbins

Between Marching Band, National Honor Society, and her job at Regal Cinemas, senior Janelle Ellis finds balancing her activities difficult. "There is not enough time to finish all of the things I have to do but studying for tests and quizzes comes first," Ellis said.

For some students, prioritizing their school work and activities is often difficult. "Each activity is expected to be my first priority but what is the most important to me always comes first," junior Monica Robbins said, who divides her time between French club, Drama club, Marching Band, Interactors, tutoring and a part-time job.

Sometimes the hours of studying and other activities can create great amounts of stress. Everyone copes with stress in different ways. "I take an hour a night away from homework and usually I exercise. This helps to calm my nerves and reduce stress," said senior Brook Markland of the National Honor Society, Battle of the Brains, and drama club.

Between jobs, sports, and social lives time often can become hard to manage. Varsity cheerleader and girl's soccer player junior Rachel Paxton said, "You are always busy and there is never enough time to fill in everything, but if you just schedule ahead, and always make sure to give yourself enough time, you can do it."

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I Don't Want to Hear It

Facts and Stats

Top 3 Excuses

1. " I had it with me, and now I don't."

Jeremy Mascher

2. "I thought it was in my book but it's not now."

Tim Ashwell

3. "My sister ate it this morning for breakfast."

Susan Darnell

Students Use Excuses To Weazle Their Way Out Of Work

"My dog ate it," is a common excuse, but students are more creative in their attempts to wiggle their way out of homework.

Homework is an important part of a student's academic career, but some students think otherwise, and fail to do their homework. " I find it unnecessary to do my homework," said sophomore Joey Coleman. A shameful thing for a teacher to hear.

One excuse that is very popular among students is to blame someone or something else. "I had to go to work," is an excuse that senior Joni Cortney uses to get out of homework.

Some students, like senior Donald Harris, blames his absence of homework on after school activities like practice. Students find it hard to come home after practice and sit down to two hours of homework.

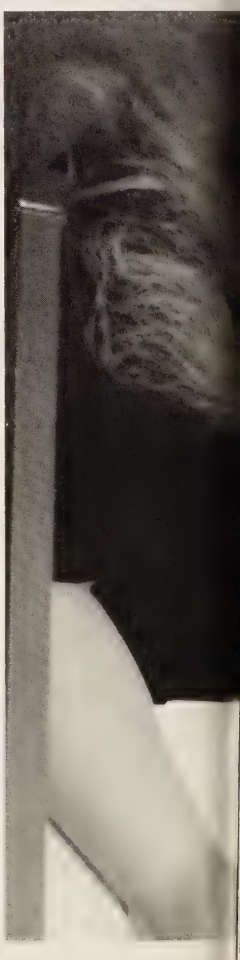
"I was going to do it in study hall but I forgot,"

- Amanda Hayward

Of course, there's always the excuse that you did it, but forgot it somewhere or act like you made an attempt to do it. Sophomore Holly Smith uses the often heard excuse of "I forgot it in my locker in my other folder." Students use this in hopes that the teacher won't let them go get it. Then there's the excuse that you knew about it and was going to do it, bit darn, you forgot about it. "I was going to do it in study hall, but I forgot." Senior Amanda Hayward said that she uses this excuse very often. Most students use the old "it's in my book" routine and some also use the telepathic excuse of " I can picture it at home sitting on my desk."

Not all students blame their forgetfulness on common human errors. The computer, an excuse in it self, is often to blame. "I was typing my English paper and the power went out," senior Jenny Jones said.

Each student is unique in their excuse to wiggle out of homework. Nevertheless, old or more modern excuses are likely to get disapproving looks from the teacher who you're trying so desperately to convince. But think about it, guys, who are we fooling anyway?



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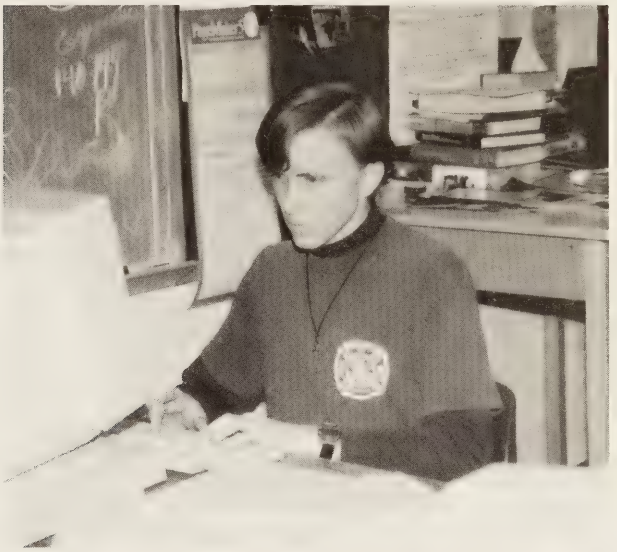
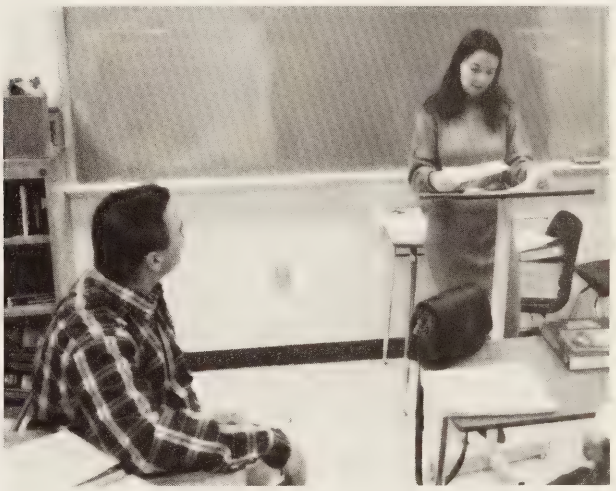
Mark Lux found himself outside Janet McCrum's room because his excuses weren't acceptable for not completing his homework from the night before (Photo by: Tierre Brown).

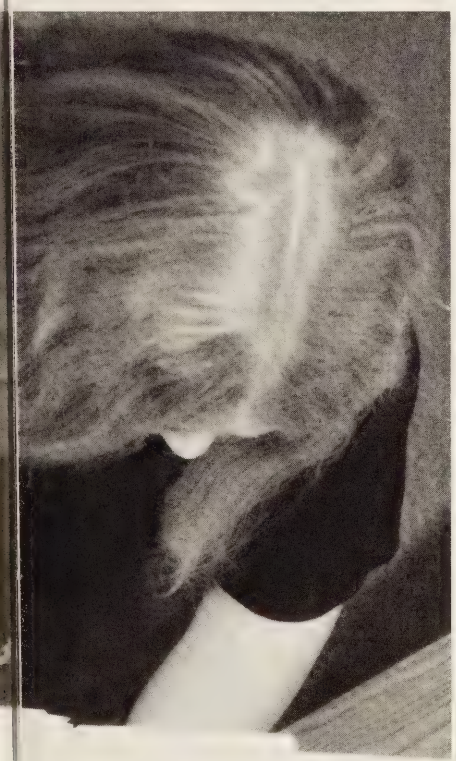
Robert Rowley frequently uses his out of school activities as an excuse for not meeting his Journalism deadline (Photo by: Alex Russell).





Some students use the excuse of not understanding a question. Bernie Spiece argues with Jackie Gebhart for points on a worksheet (Photo by: Tierre Brown).

SCA President Jennifer Armstrong is kept very busy with SCA and often uses that as an excuse for late work (Photo by: Tierre Brown).



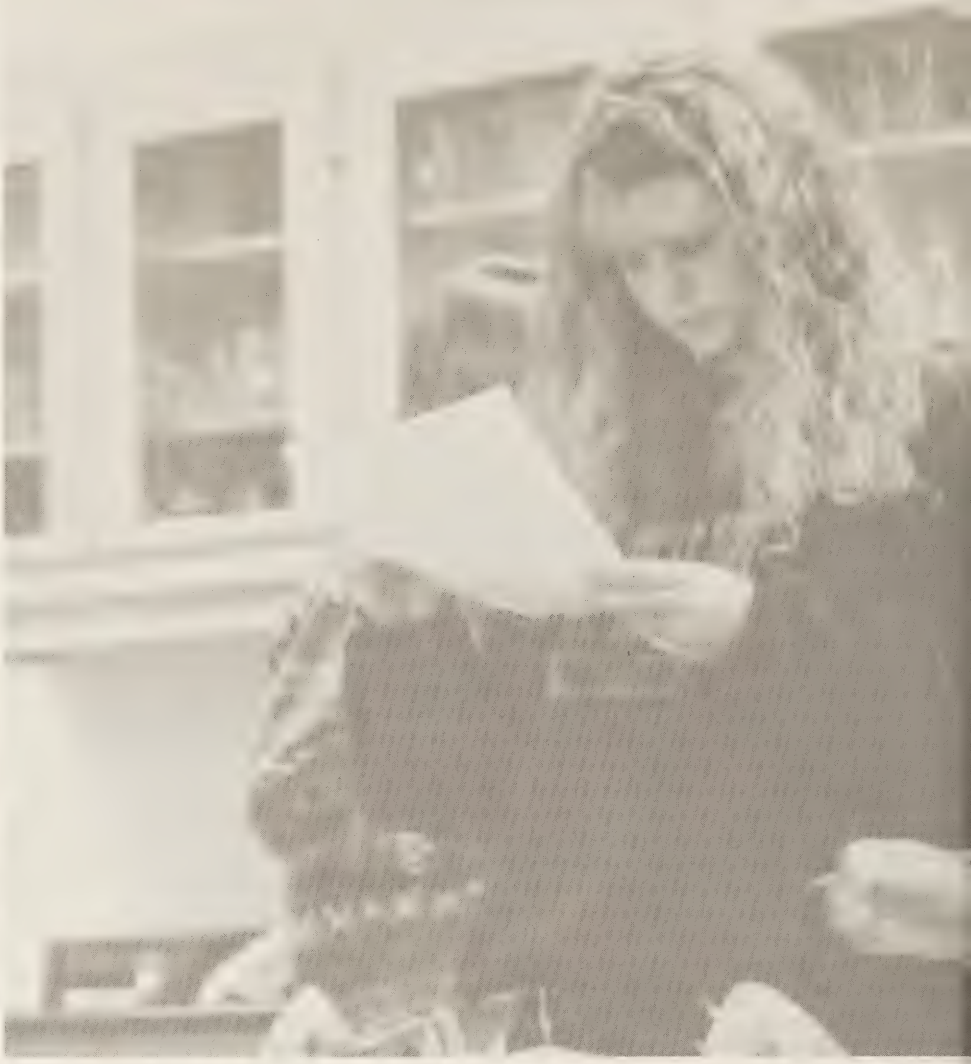
Cap is not the only place students find themselves at for being late for class. Jeff Martin uses many excuses for being tardy to class which eventually leads him to ISS (photo by: Alex Russell).

Tom O'Halloran conducts a muscle dissection while Amanda Hayward checks out what to do next (photo by: Chenille Eason).

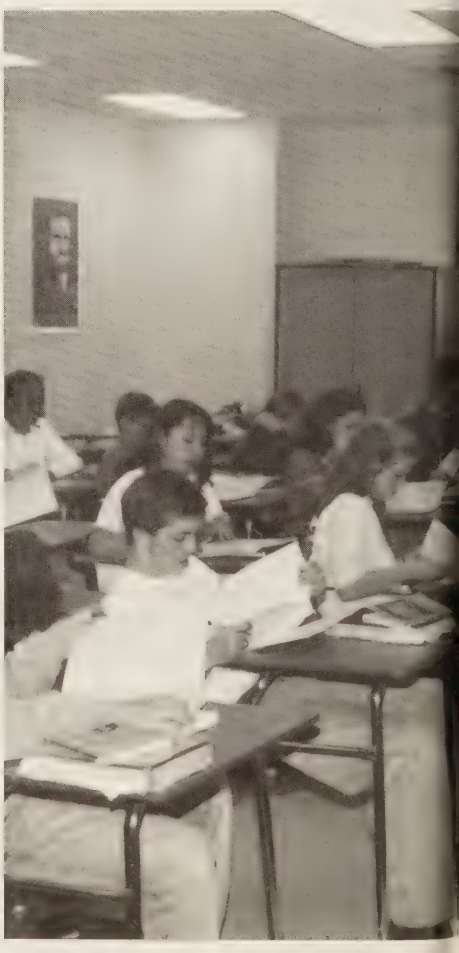
Melanie Edwards, Katie Miller and Joy Scheer, complete a worksheet together in Math Analysis while Norah Fick looks on (photo by: Alex Russell).

Nathan Hadley, Amy Eiwen and Ali Duffy work hard at taking a weekly quiz on chapter review in Laura Millhouse's A.P. History class (photo by: Alex Russell).

National Honor Society inductees, Elizabeth Wartell and Theresa Tovar wait patiently as current member, Erika Savee lights their candles (photo by: Alex Russell).



Diane Critchfield conducts a writing workshop on timed essays in Advanced English11 (photo by: Alex Russell).



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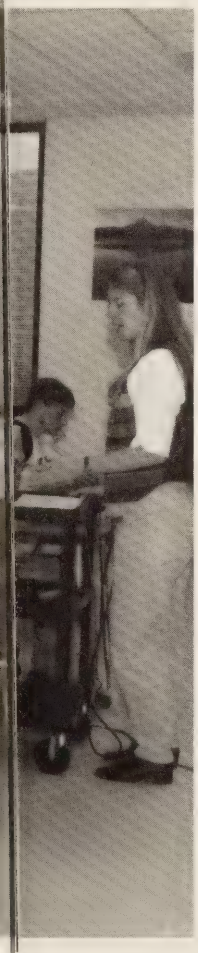
The Head of The Class

And What It Takes To Stay There While Surviving Life On The Run



Imagine traveling from A.P. Calculus to A.P. History, then around the corner to Physics with what seems to be one hundred books and no study hall to catch your breath.

Students who take these courses realize self-discipline is a key-factor in keeping grades high. "I study at least three hours a night because I have to prepare for the next day's classes. It's hard making myself do it, but I know it will help me in the end," sophomore Andrea Sato said.

Many students have a heavy academic schedule including activities outside of school which cause them to feel overworked and tired. "I ended up quitting cheerleading because I was always pushed for time and I didn't feel I had time to put forth my best effort," senior Erica Burge said.

"Of course no matter who you are up against there's always that race to be the best."

-Amanda Czarnecki

Burge, ranking close to the top, has been in that position since her freshman year . Throughout four years of high school one may think there's some friendly competition. "I am sure there is a lot of it, but it's never really talked about. I sometimes worry that others will catch up to me so I always try to do my best," Burge said.

Senior Brooke Markland is another student who is close to the top. "I knew taking three A.P. classes would hurt but taking the classes would help more than rank does," Markland said.

Seniors aren't the only ones who care about being number one in their class. "Of course no matter who you are up against there's always that race to be the best. I want to go to an out of state college so its really important to me to do my best," sophomore Amanda Czarnecki said.

Students receive an advanced diploma if they achieve 23 credits or more, which doesn't leave much open for study hall. "Not having a study hall is hard but in order to take the advanced classes I want and receive an advanced Diploma I don't have time for one," freshman Nicole Holland said.

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Top 10 Stress Relievers

1. Sleep
2. Listen to music
3. Eat
4. Run
5. Read
6. Take a bath
7. Play an instrument
8. Play pool
9. Scream
10. Shop

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Preparing For The Future

Facts and Stats

Did you know ?

**Cosmetology students give each other facials for a grade.*

**Nursing students take trips to the hospital to see babies being born.*

**Agricultural Business students learn how to repare old tractors.*

Vocational Students Prepare For A Career Outside Of High School

The future: what a scary thought. Not for the students at the Vocational Center; the future is happening now. Practical Nursing, Dentistry, Cosmetology, Drafting, Carpentry, and Culinary Arts; they all sound like an easy credit, a no- brainer. Not! The Vocational Center offers a variety of opportunities for students to prepare for the future.

Some students such as Culinary Arts student Shameka Ellis, took a vocationl course just for a change of scenary. Some students take a vocational class to better their future. Most students feel they are "a step ahead" because they know what they want to do.

Through a Cosmetology course at the Vocational Center senior Perry Duckworth is able to work at a hair shop where she gets much more training.

"As soon as I finish school I can take my State Board Exam and I will be a licensed cosmetologist."

-Perri Duckworth

"As soon as I finish school in June, I can take my State Board Exam and I will be a licensed cosmetologist," Duckworth said. Cosmetology students can also compete in hair shows. In state Competition at the State Fair, they had to fix someones hair and dress them in an original style.

Practical Nursing student Susan Darnell said she has always wanted to do something in the medical field and thought the program would help her out. "The Nursing students get experience by going to Nursing Homes and Mary Washington Hospital where they can have the experience of watching the birth of babies and the care given to them,"Darnell said.

For Halloween, the students had the opportunity to go to a Nursing Home, dressed in their best costumes, to talk to the residents there. "The old people were so cute. They really liked seeing us and talking to us. I used to be kind of afraid of old people, but now I know that they need people to talk to too, and they can be a lot of fun," Nursing student Kim Morgan said.

Whether you are taking a vocational class for a change of scenary or to plan for a career, remember it's a big commitment, but it will put you a step ahead for your future.

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Roger Jenkins watches as another student demonstrates sawing a piece of wood in Manufacturing class (Photo by Tierre Brown).

Multi-Media students have the opportunity to take control of the camera. Here Jennifer Oliver uses her skills to operate the set (Photo by: Tierre Brown).

Bryan Blue carefully places the last brick to complete his brick wall in Masonry class (Photo by: Tierre Brown).

Perri Duckworth and Tara Short demonstrate to their Cosmetology class how to correctly apply a facial mask (Photo by: Tierre Brown) .

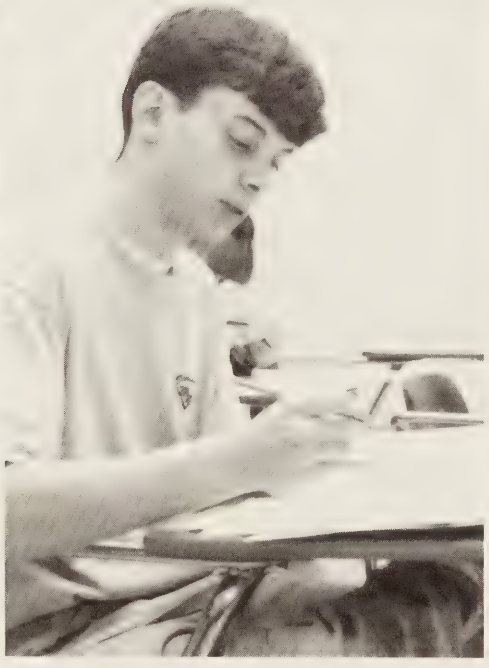
Carefully seperating a couple of locks from her manquin's head, senior April Delany creates a curl and secures it with a bobby pin. In her second year cosmetology class, Delany practices new techinques that will prepare her for the real world.
(photo by Tierre Brown).

Mrs. Shepard teaches Mrs. Folans Sanpish class essential French terms such as "move that worthless heap off the road!"

During foriegn language week, the foriegn language teachers switched classes so the students could learn different languages.

Latin teacher and club sponsor Susan Lee, and students Bridgett Fay and Jessica Brudette wrap up presents for their abdopted family. (photo by : Mr. Lee).

Matt Sawyer works on a project for Ms. Pickett's class.



April Brice presents a project on a Mexican Indian tribe in Ms. Pickett's Spanish class.

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Classic Foreign Language

Facts and Stats

Test your language skills! Match the following:

1. la coincidencia
2. sagen
3. incartade
4. cumplir
5. finden

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a. prank
b. to find
c. to say/tell
d. to find
e. coincidecee

1.f 2.c 3.a 4.b 5.d

Students Learn Culture And Different Ways Of Life

" Wie gehts? Ich heisse...! Como estas? Me llamo." This is what students in foreign language classes deal with everyday.

One reason students enjoy foreign language classes is because they learn about different cultures; for example, one day the Latin classes dressed up in togas and got to learn more about the culture. "Learning about other people's cultures is fun and challenging," senior Maurico Ellis said.

Language classes also provide different projects and activites. "We had a party with Spanish food and got to cook tacos and enchiladas," sophomore Elizabeth Fleming said. Senior Ian Robertson said in German class the students made German Valentine's for their class.

"I take Latin because I want to become a physical therapist."

Jennifer Hawkins

Senior Amanda Armstrong took a foreign language class for another reason. She went on trips to Europe, Spain, and France and had lots of fun. "I want to go somewhere so I can speak Spanish fluently," Armstong said.

When sophmore Katie Thompson first started out in the language class, she was nervous. "I got interested in the language because lived in Germany," Thompson said.

Some students see foreign languages having a direct impact on their futures. Sophmore Jennifer Hawkins is in her second year of Latin. "I take Latin because I want to become a physical therapist," Hawkins said.

Spanish teacher Kelli Toler wasn't interested in teaching Spanish until she was in college. "I like watching students learn how to speak Spanish," Toler said.

"We don't have special events but we might celebrate Mardi Gras," senior Donald Harris said. Sophmore Melani Wharton is in her second year of Spanish. "I first got interested in Spanish in 8th grade because the language was interesting," Wharton said. "Spansh is fun to learn because there are more Spanish people coming to the U.S. than any other and they bring their ways," Fleming said.

Foreign language week was March 4 - 8.

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Expand Your Horizons

Facts and Stats

Fine Arts Students Are Inspired by:

*friends

* family

*saw a parade

*love of music

* the final result

* compliments

*experience you receive

Students Discover That Learning Goes Above And Beyond ABC's And123's

Lights, camera, ACTION. Students take learning to new heights with Chorus, Band, Art, and Drama.

Fine arts classes don't just give you another credit to graduate, they can expand your horizons. Being involved in different activities exposes students to new things that they would otherwise not experience.

Students have differing opinions toward fine arts classes. "Music has been and will continue to be a part of my everyday life," senior Melissa Palmer said. Palmer has been involved with music classes for eight years. Sophomore Melanie Payne plays in band to relieve stress. "I'm always in a better mood when I leave [band] class," Payne said.

Things that would not normally happen in other classes do happen in fine arts. "I was cutting a mat for a pen and ink drawing when the exacto-knife cut through my nail and to the skin underneath. I just kept me mouth shut and stifled the pain until the end of class." senior Lora Chiehowsky said. "Many body parts have been exposed and many strange noises were made-- most of which happened on accident," senior Mollie Smith said.

"The quality of the performance depends on the attitude and skill of each student."

- Sarah Baird

Students take fine arts for various reasons. Some are inspired or need a change of pace from their regular schedule. Some students take fine arts to get a break from their regular schedule. "Art is more of an independent class, you may go at your own pace," senior Mike Smith said. " In Drama we are all like a family. We can cut loose and be ourselves," Mollie Smith said.

Each student learns sellf-discipline. "In band the students make the class. The quality of the performance depends on the attitude and skill of each student,"senior Sarah Baird said.

"I love the performance part, it gives you a real adrenaline rush," sophomore Renee Woods said about her band concerts. Each fine art class involves performance. The Drama department puts on plays, the band students perform concerts, and the art department displays their artwork.

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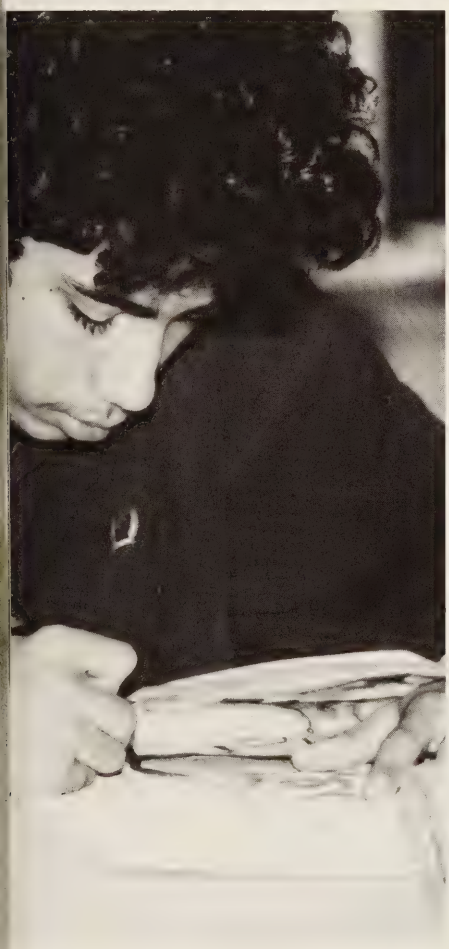
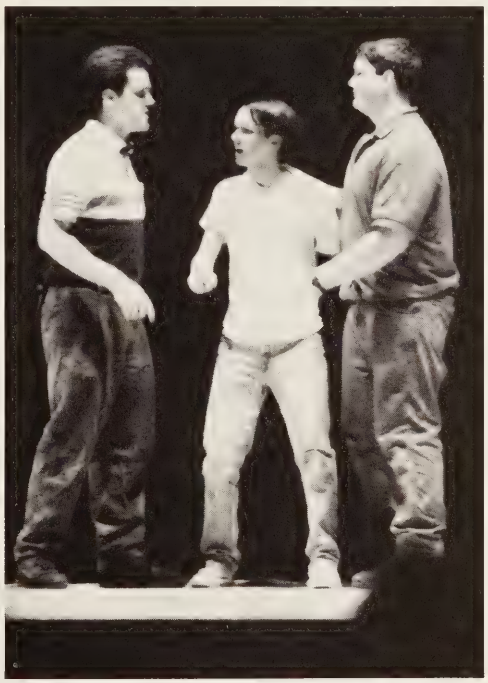
Marching Band doesn't just perform at football games; David Beachboard, Rena Jones, Alyson Smith, and Aaron Lowery tape for the Disney World video. (photo by: Alex Russell).

Stephanie Thacker and Abby Stover march through the hall before a pep rally (photo by: Alex Russell).

Karen Swann, Elizabeth Kirk, and Kelley Kulina perform *Spiritual Umms*, which tied for first place, at *Spotlight SHS* (photo by: Alex Russell).

Drama Students Nils Carter, Tom O'Halloran, and Mike Hall fight in a scene from *The Outsiders* (photo by: Alex Russell).





Senior Kris Patterson works on a multi-media project during art class (photo by: Jason Johnson).

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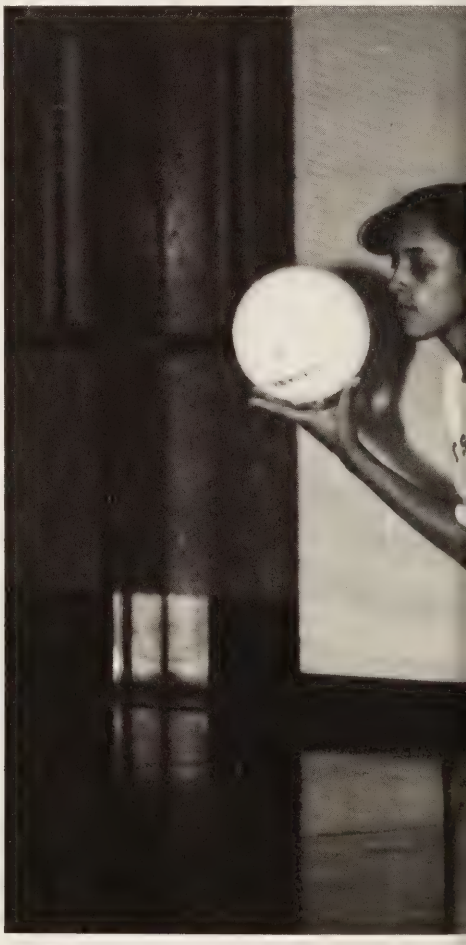
Wallace Mason prepares to spike the ball in a gym class volleyball game (photo by: Tierre Brown).

Vanessa Dunlap takes her turn to serve during a volleyball game in her gym class (photo by: Tierre Brown).

Students demonstrate fancy moves on the basketball court during a game in gym class (photo by: Tierre Brown).

Cathy Pritchett passes the ball to another team mate during a basketball game in gym class (photo by: Tierre Brown).

Jennifer Herritot takes her turn to serve during a gym class volleyball game (photo by: Tierre Brown).



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I Wanna Pump You Up

Facts and Stats

Top Nine Tasty (And Healthy) Treats

1. Frozen Yogurt
2. Trail Mix
3. Granola bars
4. Cheese Crackers
5. Hard-boiled egg
6. Plain popcorn
7. Salads
8. Fruit
9. Saltines

Students Have Their Very Own "Gym" Right Here In School

It doesn't cost money, it's required, and you are given a grade on your attire and whether or not you participate. Many people rush out to buy members hips to various fitness centers, but students have their own "fitness" period daily for three weeks each grading period It's called physical education — gym class.

Dressing out is required, but many students don't mind the change of clothes every day during gym. "I feel like I'm more part of a team when I dress out." senior Donald Harris said. "I feel that you should dress out because people don't want to smell the stink of you from sweating, " junior Keith Foster said.

"It just does a body good"

- Jennifer Machotka

Many students take fitness and health one step further from gym class and exercise in their own free time. "When I work out, it's normally at a friend's house on their equipment or at my house on mine. I normally end up burning out when football season starts," junior John Flaherty said.

Some students even frequently look for low fat food labels that can be found on many food shelves in the grocery store. " I look for low fat foods because I believe that you really don't need fatty foods to have good tasting foods. I don't want to look like Roseanne [on television] when I get older, " freshman Shannon Radford said.

Many students are being influenced by today's health food products and jumping on the fitness band wagon to a better body. It's pretty obvious practically every time you turn on the T.V. somebody is trying to sell you a workout machine or a video to help you stay fit," sophomore Holly Smith said.

Gym class is a way that students can exercise, play sports and have fun but still make the grade. "It just does a body good," freshman Jennifer Machotka said.

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Taking Things Outside

Facts and Stats

The must-haves for any field trip:

1. Money
2. Walkman or CD player
3. Sodas
4. Candy
5. Snack food
6. Magazines
7. Coloring book
8. Camera
9. A good bus
10. Friends

Students Find Fun In Learning Beyond School Grounds

When you are tired of the monotony of the class room, only one thing will do. A field trip. A chance to go out and experience life and learning, first hand.

Spotsy Creative Writing students and staff joined teachers and students from both Courtland and Chancellor High in October to travel to the National Zoo in Washington D.C. The trip was intended to inspire the writers and to help their skills in writing with detail.

In November, a total of 28 History Club members went with history teacher Charlie Harrell to the American Frontier History Museum in Stanton, Virginia. The Stanton museum is a living tribute to American heritage that included houses and foods native to many of America's first inhabitants.

"Field trips help put the fun into learning."

-Somneuk Inthavongdy

"It was interesting to see how people lived back then," said History Club president freshman Brooke McCormick.

Also this year, a group of twelve students accompanied science teacher Cathy Prittchet to Fox Island off the Maryland coast. The trip was an environmentally sound one to an old hunting lodge on the marshy island. Students studied marshland ecosystems while living without heat or electricity. "It was a great time with students learning outside of school," Prittchet said.

"I wanted to further my skills," junior Jessica Bruce said about a weekend field trip taken to Richmond for the Virginia High School League conference. The conference dealt with publications and writings of all types, from creative to journalistic. Students left for Richmond early Saturday morning October 28 to spend that Saturday and Sunday at the conference and then return home Sunday afternoon.

Field trips allow students to apply what they learn within the classroom. "It's nice to see what we're doing being used in the real world," said junior Richard Ertel comparing field trips to class work.

"Field trips help put the fun into learning," said senior Somneuk Inthavongdy.

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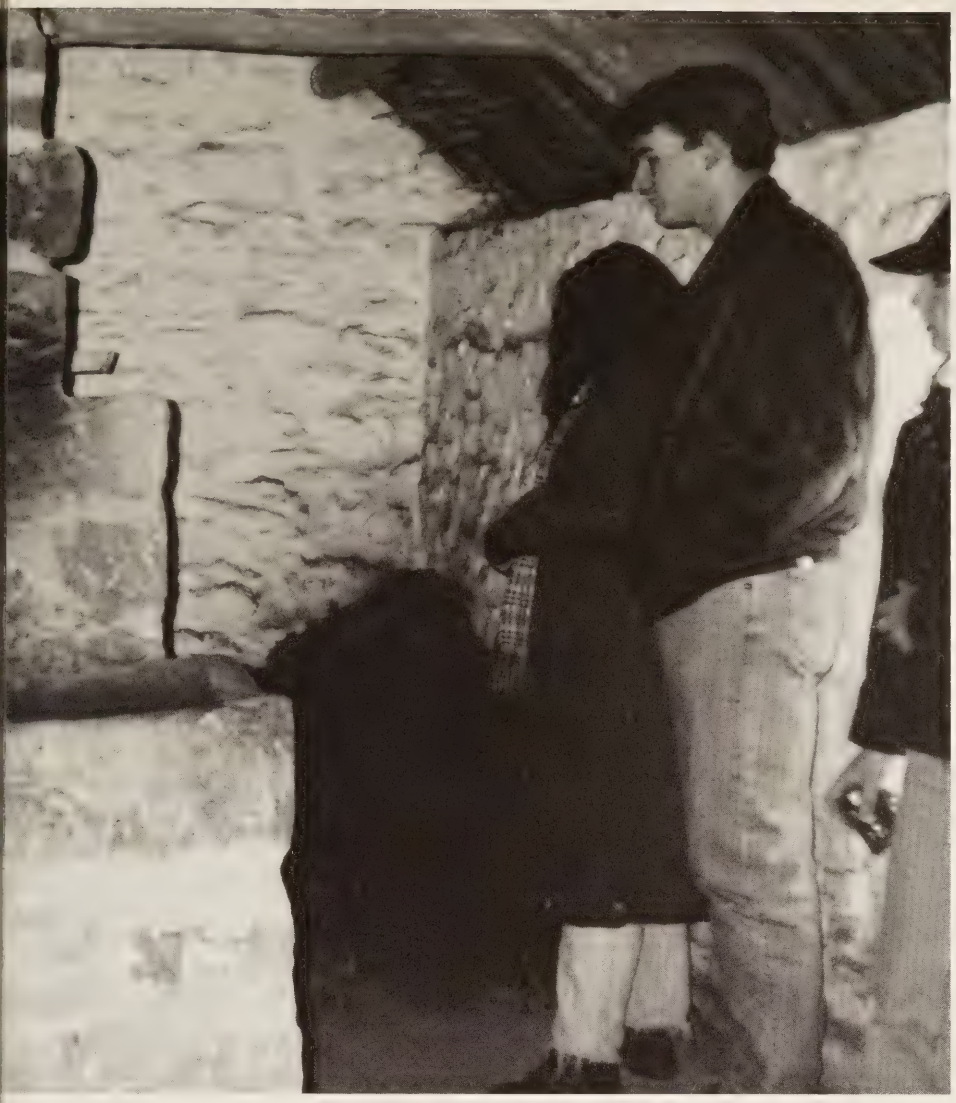


Joel Henderson and Jena Kennedy watch a demonstration on early American craftsmanship performed by a reenactor at the American Heritage Living Museum.

Government students Jenny Jones and Steve Hudson participate in a mock trial at Spotsylvania Courthouse.

Science teacher Cathy Pritchett helps students identify leaves as they take a rest from hiking through one of the county's many battlefields.

Danielle Criste, April Buruss, and Brad Weaver, lead the way on an environmental field investigation trip through the Spotsylvania Battlefield in October.

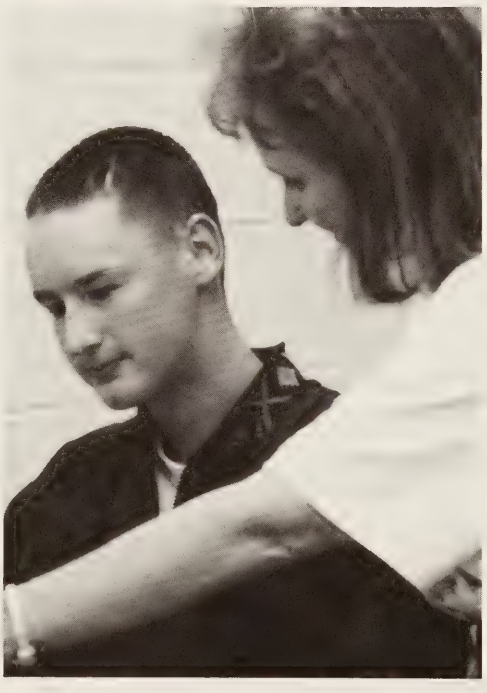
English teacher Jerrianne Taaffe and guidance counselor Nataile Wright get into the fun, literally, during the annual trip to the Renaissance Festival.

Business Teacher Holly Baker tries to retrieve data off of Shaun Fairchild's computer that was accidentally deleted during ACIS class (photo by: Alex Russell).

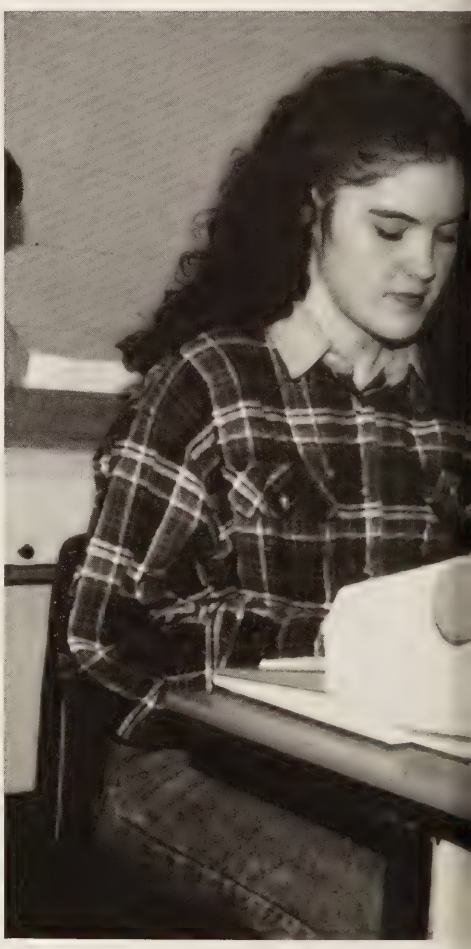
Kathryn Seay, Mary Anne Sorensen, and Micheal Lydon work on Word Processing during class. (photo by: Alex Russell).

Waiting for Marketing class to begin, Tim Aponte, Charles Fox, and Erin Lawson talk (photo by: Alex Russell).

Business teacher Ms. Brandenburg assists a student at the computer (photo by: Tierre Brown).



A dilligent business student works on the Word Processor during class (photo by: Alex Russell).



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Takin' Care Of Business

Facts and Stats

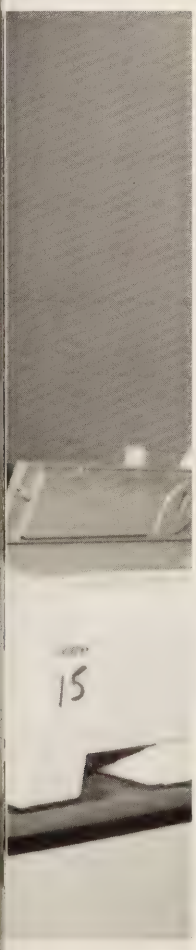
Did You Know ?

* Students get credits for working outside jobs

* COE stands for Cooperative Office Education

* Business students are trained and evaluated at an outside job

* Most business classes involve computers



Students Prepare For The Real World In Business Classes

"When will I ever use this?" is a common phrase in academic classes, but it will not be heard in Business classes. Students enrolled in Business classes learn "on the job" skills in the classroom , so they know why they are in the class. Sophomore David Beachboard is taking Accounting to learn as much as he possibly can. "I find that [the class] is valuable experience if you want to go into the business field," he said. Business classes prepare Senior Cindy Haley for a future job. She deals with computers at her present job.

Some Business classes offered are Word Processing, Keyboarding Applications, Business Law and Business Management, Marketing, Advanced Marketing, and Computer Information Systems.

"Business classes help you prepare for hard classes you will take in college... "

-Joe Green

Business students take business classes to prepare for their future. "Business classes help you prepare for hard classes you will take in college, and you can not just judge the teachers, you must learn to deal with them," senior Joe Green said. Sophomore Barbara Dennis is taking keyboarding to help her prepare for her future, and to help her get a job.

Business classes are not all serious business. Some teachers go beyond the teaching guidelines and some pretty strange stuff happens. "Mr. Manchester told us one time how to embezzle money from a company and what would happen if we get caught," Beachboard said.

Some enjoyments of Business classes are not actually being in the class. "We go on field trips, and it gets you another day out of class," Green said. Haley enjoys learning about different software. "It's really helpful, and not presented in a boring way. It is kind of interesting," Sophomore Barbara Dennis said.

Students also enjoy the work / study program. "Students like the freedom. It treats them like an adult," business teacher Holly Baker said. She hopes the students will learn interpersonal skills, communication, thinking skills, flexibility, and ethics in order to be successful.

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Say It Again And Again

Facts and Stats

How well do you know your teachers?

Can you recognize their most famous sayings?

1. Wise up!
2. Suger-jets
3. For crying in a bucket
4. I'm r etiring this year

4. B. Libby
3. S. Fox
2. B. Uecker
1. V. Bridi

Cliches Teachers Say Every Second, Hour, Or Any Other Time Of The Day

The Energizer Bunny keeps going and going, the Little Caesar's man delivers his "pizza! pizza!" Here, our teachers keep repeating and repeating.

In the period of a month, week or even a day, we may find our teachers repeating a word, phrase or mannerism. Teachers are commonly caught in the routine of creating and using their own cliches.

Several teachers are guilty of restating the same remarks. Betty Uecker, a math teacher, has been noted for saying priceless phrases such as "Sugar-jets" or "Sugar-jets on top of the moon!" Social Studies teacher Oliver Hoskins is renowned for repeating cliches such as "Let's move on to happier hunting grounds," and "Do you want a size seven up your wazoo?" Geography teacher Vic Bridi is also known for his famous words, "Wise up!"

Teacher cliches are not always a crime. They can keep student's attention and entertain them for even a brief moment in between notes, lectures or lessons in the class. Science teacher Sandra Fox is commonly saying, "I don't give a happy!", "I don't give a flying football!," or "What in Samhill?"

"Ms. Fox liked to make us laugh. I think to keep us with her. Some people would ask her stupid questions to annoy her and she would say those phrases to annoy them," junior Ladun Olaseni-Adaramo said.

Other teachers have recurring inside jokes with individual students or classes."Mrs. Fontenot uses the phrase 'Kelly's Inc.' a lot because we have three Kelly's in the class. She's made up nicknames for all of them," junior Dara Smith said. Mrs. Fotenot is also often heard asking,"Is this a legal play?" Biology teacher Barbara Hallett constantly carries discussions about the superiority of females.

Whether it's to get a laugh, entertain us or just because, junior Jenny Oliver put it best when she said,"Teacher cliches are good,it gives them an identity of their own."

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-Jennifer Oliver

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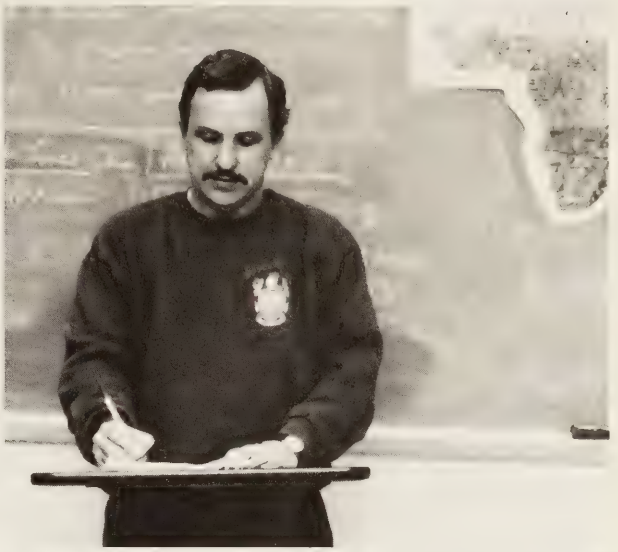
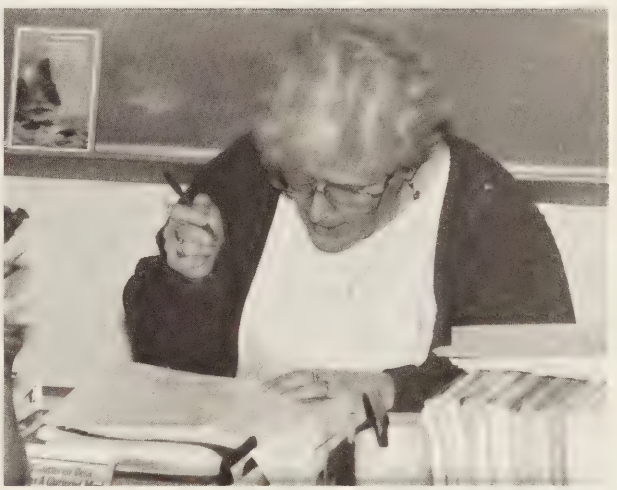
Barbara Hallett bashes Brandon Peyton during yet another discussion of the superiority of females (Photo by Tierre Brown).

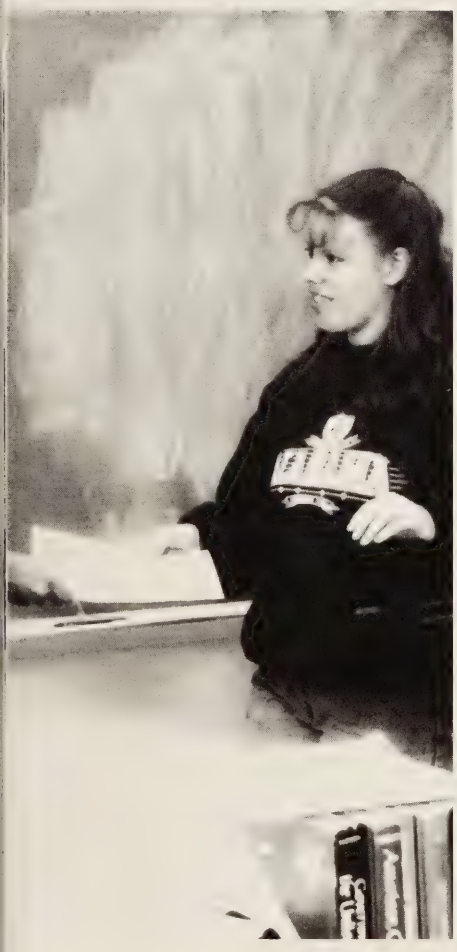
Oliver Hoskins gets ready to"move on to happier hunting grounds" (Photo by: Alex Russel).

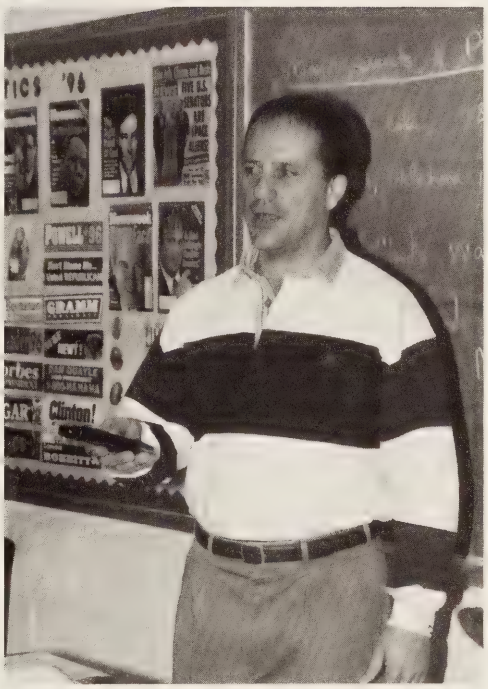




"For crying in a bucket!" Known for her colorful language, Sandra Fox sits and grades papers (Photo by: Tierre Brown).

Dave Lancaster, also known as "Mr. Video" compliments lecturing with movies (Photo by: Tierre Brown).





Pam Washington hands Kelly Gardner a paper. She is commonly known for saying,"Don't even go there!" (Photo by: Alex Russel)

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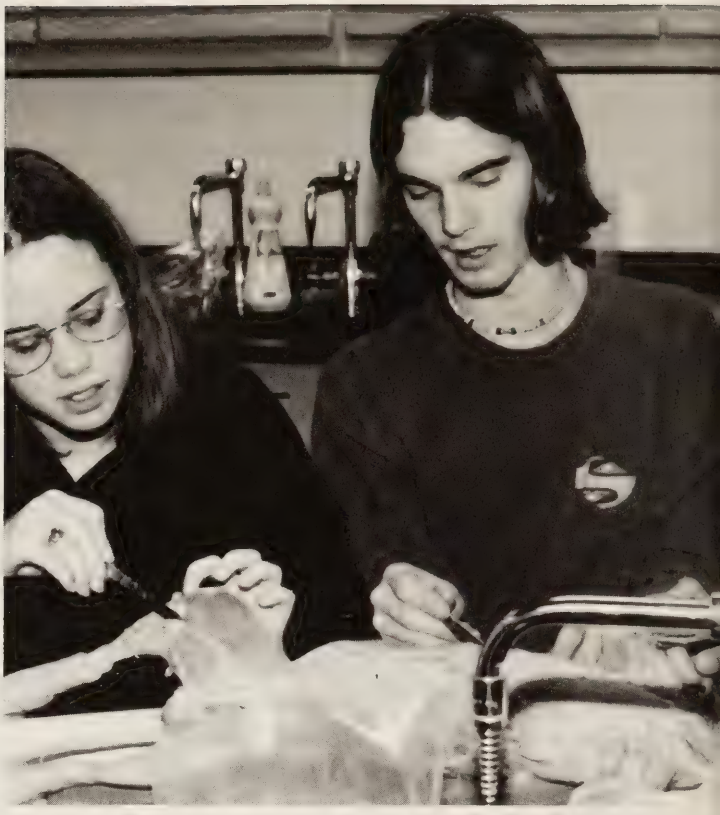
Piecing IT Together SHS

1996 Trail



Frustration and anticipation led us through the year. Whether it was the snow or tornados, something always seemed in our way, but we pushed right through. Everyday we crowded the halls and sat on floors, jammed our lockers and waited in the lunch lines. Yet, with all the obstacles, we managed to pull through as an even better whole. With all our personalities and attitudes, we all made up the ***pieces that make the whole.***

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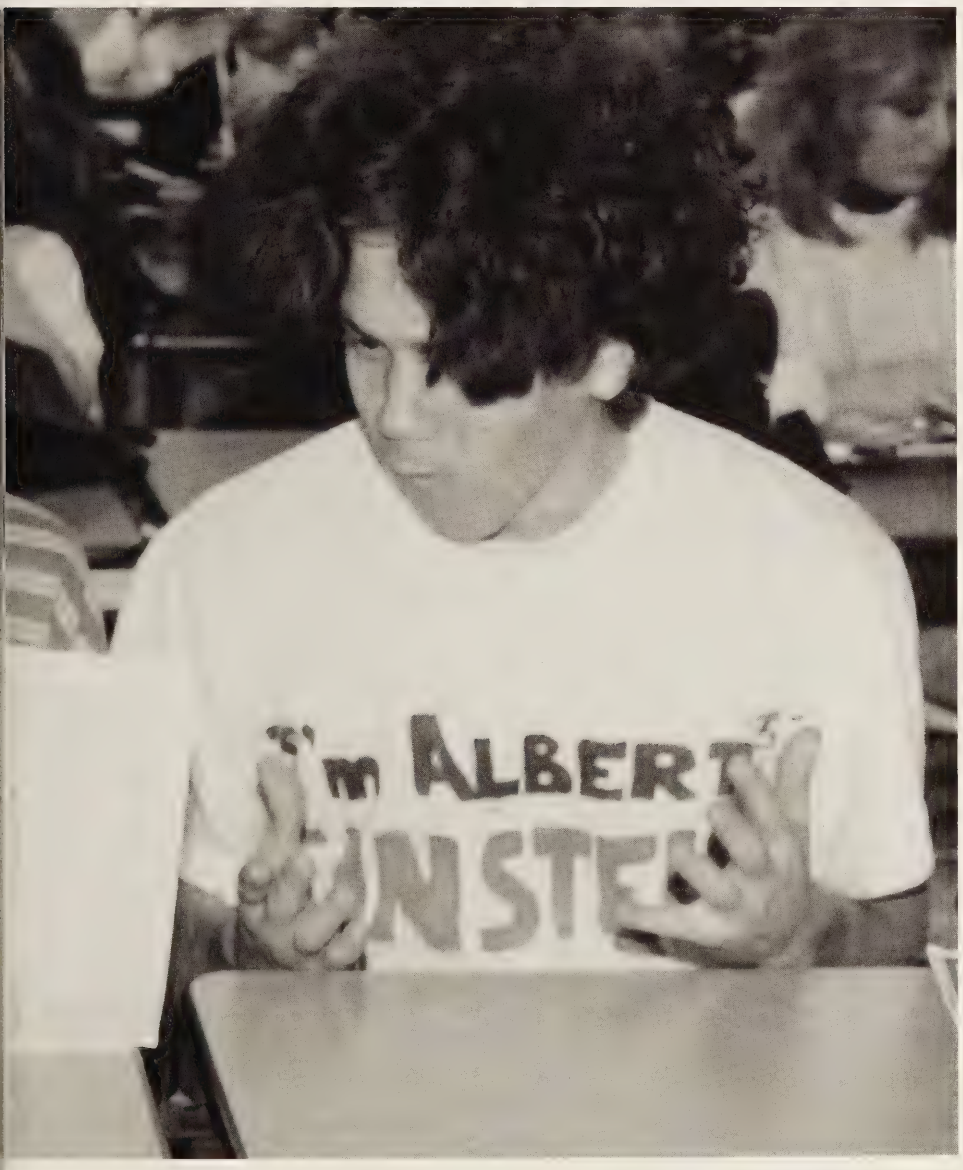
Lunch is always good for eating, but it's also time for students like sophomore Barbara Henderson and junior Balazs Kozik time to converse. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Letting it all be known, junior Sandra Nichols stretches her arms, as well as her mouth before a game. Friends, senior Erica Burge, and juniors Melanie Edwards and Norah Fick discuss how crazy she really is.

Strolling to class just a little to late, junior Amy Eiwen smirks at the camera as she passes by. "Mornings just aren't my thing," said Eiwen.(photo by: Holly Duran)



Teamwork is the only way for students in Biology II Seminar. Juniors Rachel Paxton, Billy Stevnick, and Tom O'Halleron carefully pick out the parts of the cat's anatomy. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

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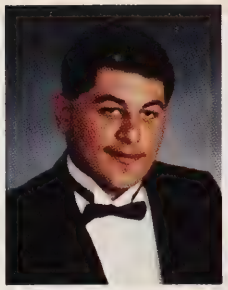
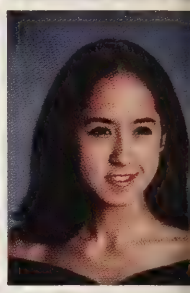
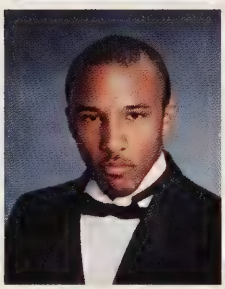
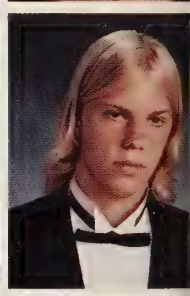
Trying hard to concentrate for an audience of his friends, senior Jimmy Priola juggles tennis balls at the Rennaissance Festival on the traditional senior trip in Maryland.(Photo by: Alex Russel)

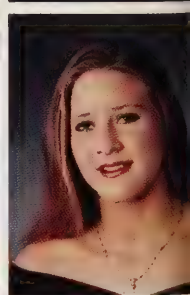
Court jesters at the Festival charm seniors Andrea Zinn and Katy Stavinoha as they enter the main gate.(photo by: Alex Russel)











fresh starts and new beginings

A whole different world viewed from the bottom is what seniors will have to face when they go off to college and become freshman again. Seniors will go from ruling the school with all the privileges, to once again tumbling to the bottom of the ladder can be a very drastic change.

"I'm going to feel like a butterfly hatching again from a cocoon," said senior Sam Parshall. "It's going to be really weird at first, but I'm sure that I'll be able to adjust once I learn how things run," added Parshall.

New responsibilities will be a part of college life according to senior Jim Vance. "I'm very excited about going away to school because I will have my own freedom. I'm kind of scared though, because I'm going to have to do the things that my mom has been doing for me all of my life," said Vance.

Senior Jonathan Gutleber agreed. "I'm going to be so scared because I'm not going to know where anything is. The classes will be a lot harder and I will have to work really hard to make it," said Gutleber.

A fresh start can also be seen as a welcomed change, according to senior Janelle Ellis, who is excited about going to college but is not sure where she wants to attend college, "I think it is going to be so great. I can't wait to start all over again, and learn new things. I'm not scared at all."

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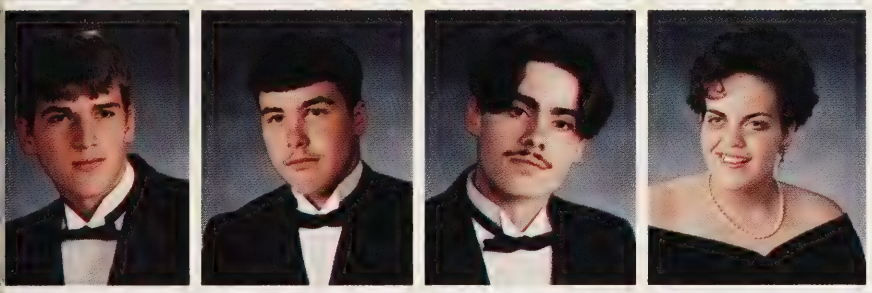
Hatim Najeh Abed: DECA 10-12, Parlimantarian 11; FFA 9-11; Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; School Store Manager 11-12.
Tanya Faye Acors: Field Hockey 9-12, Captain 12; Softball 9-12.
Craig Lamont Adams: JML 11; VML 12; Basketball 9-10; Football 9-10; Multicultural Club 12.
Antonio Manuel Alatorre: Soccer 9-12, Captain 12; French Club 9-11, Treasurer 11; Science Club 9-10; Conflict Mediator 11-12.
Dustan Edward Andrews
Tim Wayne Aponte: FFA 10-12; Science Club 9; Baseball Card Club 9; Library Aide 10, Deca 12.

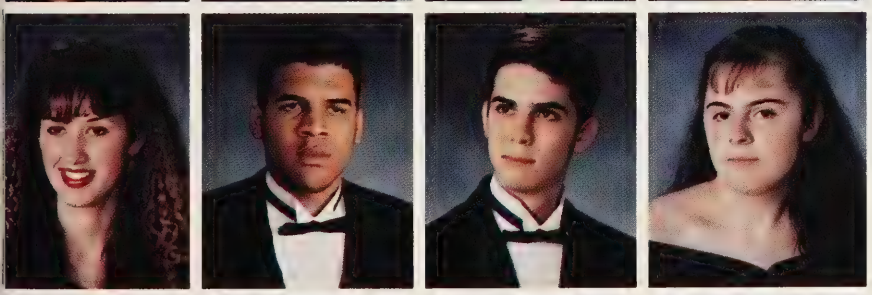
Jennifer Lee Armstrong: SCA, Executive Board 11-12, President 12; FBLA 10-11; Deca 12; French Club 11-12; Science Club 9.
Michael Robert Arnold: Football 9-12; Latin Club 9-12; Track 10-12.
Sarah Elizabeth Baird: Marching Band 9-12; Drama 9-11; Chorus 10,11; French Club 9-12; NHS 11-12.
Christine Marie Baker: Track 9-10; FBLA 11-12; Key Club 10; Lit Mag 11.
Christina Elisabeth Ball: FHA 9; DECA 12.
Heather Marie Banks

Cynthia Lyn Barber
Yoshi Shigeko Batchelor: Soccer 11.
Ronald Wesley Beachboard: FFA 9-11.
Regina Caprice Beger: English Club 9; DECA 12.
Nathan Howard Benfield: FFA 9; Baseball 10; DECA 11.
Paul Phillip Benson



Mary Catherine Benton
Penny Ann Beverage: Tennis 10-12; Latin Club 9-12, secretary 10-11; NHS 11-12; Hiking Club 9; VML 10-12.
Jonathan Wood Biscoe: Tennis 11-12; Track 10; Key Club 11-12, Senior representative; Homecoming Court 11; Conflict Mediator 11-12.
Chad Charles Bishop: VICA 11-12; Science Club 9; FFA 9-10; FBLA 9; Drafting 11-12.
Christopher Joseph Bishop
Melissa Gail Bowling: Lit Mag 11-12.

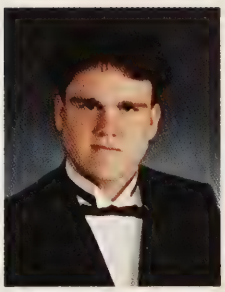
Keith Nathanial Boggs: Math Club 9, Vice-President.
Shawn Lane Brooks: FFA 10.
Erica Beth Bowman
Melissa Marie Bristol: FBLA 10-12; FHA 9-12; Dance Team 12.
Benjamin Lee Brooks: Baseball 8-12; Football 9-11.
Crystal Gayle Brooks: Basketball 9-10, 12; Track 9-12; FBLA 10-12; Executive Board 11; SCA 9-11.



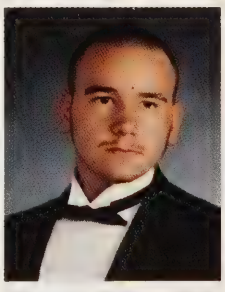
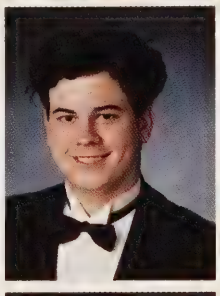
Jennifer Ruth Brown: Science Club 9-12, Treasurer 9, President 10-11; Hiking Club 9-10; Latin Club 9-11; Key Club 12.
Jessica Lynn Burdette: Marching Band 9-12, Drum Major 10-12; Softball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Latin Club 9-10,12; SCA 12, Executive Board.
Michelle Marie Brown
Tierre LaMar Brown: Key Club 12; SCA 10; Band Percussion 10; Photographer 11-12; VICA 11-12.
Edward Buchanan: Knightly News 10-11, Vice-President 10, President 11; Key Club 11-12, President 11; Soccer 10.
Jessica Ann Buck: FBLA 9-11; DECA 12; Marching Band 9.

Erica Alice Burge: Field Hockey 9-12, Captain 10,12; Cheerleading 9-12; NHS 11-12, Vice-president 12; French Club 10-12, Secretary 11; Class President 12.
Amanda Kaye Blount
April Dawn Burruss: Cheerleading 9-12; French Club 10; FBLA 12; Senior Board 12.
Lewellyn Fae Cain: FBLA 9-10,12: SCA 12; C.O.E. 12; Senior Board 12.
Jacquelyn Suzanne Cannon
Scott Lee Carsley: Spanish Club 9; FFA 10-11; DECA 11-12.

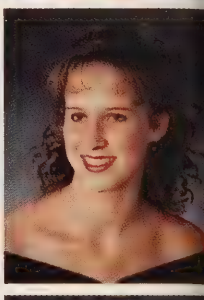
Nils Langdon Carter: Drama 10-12; Art 10-12.
Trina Michelle Carter: Yearbook10-11; Dance Team 10-11; Softball 9-10.
Angelica Maria Castro: Key Club 12; English Club 12.
Leshawn Shonique Cephas: James Farmer Scholars 9-12; FBLA 10-12; Science Club 9.
David Paul Chandler
Lora Ann Chiehowsky: NAHS 9-12; Secretary 9; Vice-President 11; Science Club 9, 11-12, President 12; NHS 12; Key Club 9; Gymnastics 9-10.



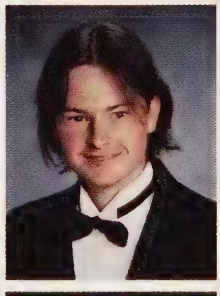
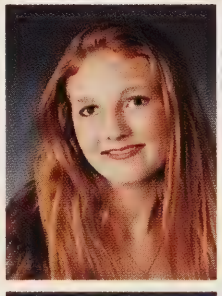
Raymond Anthony Chokov:
Jason Corbit Clarke: J.V. Football 9.
Angela Yevette Coleman: Newspaper 10-12; SCA 9-11; Multicultural Club 9-10,12; Track 10.
Paulette Renee Coles: DECA 10,12; FHA 9-10,12.
Derek Richard Cook
Melissa Catherine Cotton

Joni Marie Courtney: SCA Executive Board 10; German Club 10-12; Key Club 12; Science Club 9; VML 12.
Danielle Patricia Criste: Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 12; Track 9-10,12; German Club 10-12; Knightly News 12.
Chris Edward Dahm: Science Club 9; VICA 11-12.
Heather Amy Daniels
Sarah Elizabeth Darnell: Field Hockey 9-12, Captain 10,12; Soccer 10-12, Captain 11-12; Softball 9; VML 11-12; SCA 11-12.
Susan Lynn Darnell: Field Hockey 8-12, Captain 9,12; Soccer 10-11, Captain 11; Softball 9; French Club 9.



Jamie Marie Davidson
Kristopher Michael Davis
Mechelle Dawn Davis: Marching Band 9-12, Section Leader 12; Orchestra 10-12; Science Club 9,12; Drama 10,12; Key Club 11.
Brandie Ann Day: FHA 10-11, Reporter 10; FBLA 10-12.
April Lynn Delaney:
Mylene Onate DelPilar: Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-11; French Club 9-10,12; Science Club 9.

Stacey Anne DeVall: Marching Band 9-11, Section Leader 11; Latin Club 9-12; Seniorboard 12; SCA 9-10; Math Club 9.
Steven Louis Dodson: VICA 11; FFA 9-10.
Piper Danielle Doeppe: Marching Band 9-10; Soccer 10; Colorguard 11-12; Lit. Mag 11-12.
Perri Ann Duckworth: SCA 11; VICA 11-12.
Timothy Morton Earhart: Football 9-10,12.
Chenille Monet Eason: English Club 9, Vice-President; Multicultural Club 9; Latin Club 9-11; Science Club 9.

Kimberly Denise Edenton: Cheerleader 10; FFA 10-11; DECA 12, Secretary 12; Conflict Mediator 12.
Richard Elliot Eisenhart
Janelle Angeline Ellis: Marching Band 10-12; NHS 11-12; Yearbook 10-11.
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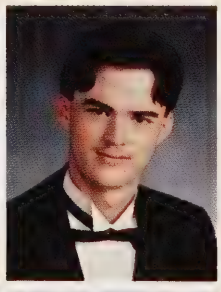
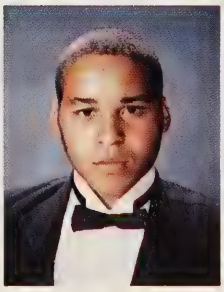
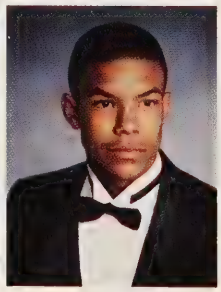
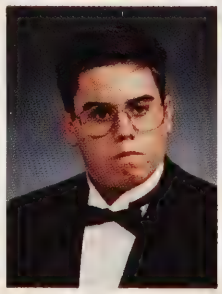


Sherman Ridget Evans
Shaun Dante Fairchild: Science Club 9; FFA 10; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9-12.
Joshua Dale Farrar: Science Club 10; FBLA 10.
Kerri Joan Farrar: Soccer 11; VICA 11-12; FFA 9-10.
Charles Eugene Fox
Kevin Andrew Frantz

Good friends through high school, juniors Misty Shatto and Jenny Dewitt share a magazine while enjoying some free time.

On the first day of school, senior friends Angi Coleman and Marci Willard drove to school together for thier last year in high school.

just like peas and carrots

Deep, dark secrets that you know will never leave your mouth. Except that you just have to tell your best friend. You both understand each other so well that leaving them out of this new situation would not be right. Friends are always there. They always support you when you need them.

Some people have a lot of good friends, but there is one special friend that sticks out from the crowd. " I've known my best friend for twelve years. We have a lot in common, and I can tell her anything. She's always been there for me," said sophomore Windsor Hall.

Living near your best friend always helps, too. " Amy and I have been friends since the sixth grade when I moved into the neighborhood. That's not when I met her, though. I was in the bathroom of Spotsy Middle, and Amy and all her friends came up to me and introduced themselves. I thought they were really stupid, and I didn't think I would ever be friends with them. But Amy and I really have a lot in common; we like a lot of the same things," sophomore Klare Potter said.

Senior Garrett Johnson agrees." Jason Stone and I have been friends since the third grade. I don't know why we stayed friends so long. It's probably because we live near each other, and we understand each other," he said.

Sometimes you just know that a person will be your friend for life, even though you've only been friends for a short time. That's what happened to sophomore Mary Ann Sorenson, "I love my best friend; she's the greatest; I wouldn't change her for the world. We've only been friends for two years, but she understands me. We're exactly the same".

"I hate driving because the gas is too expensive," said senior Garrett Johnson as he pumps gas at Fast Mart after school (photo by: Holly Doran).

Looking for college brochures in Student Services, senior Terry Moore complains about the expense of attending college (photo by Holly Doran).

in one pocket out the other

"I need money!" Most parents, and their wallets, were probably tired of hearing this. Graduation announcements, gowns, tassels, senior pictures, class dues, and college applications were all expenses that had to be paid by seniors.

Senior Elizabeth Wartell said, "I'm shelling out a lot of money. First my bank account was full, now it's almost empty." According to Wartell many seniors took on jobs along with academics.

Parents were another source students turned to when looking for some cash. According to senior Tiffany Smith, her parents helped to pay for all of her expenses, but she felt bad because of the high costs, so she got a job to help out.

Announcements didn't run cheap according to senior Wendy Merritt. "My graduation announcements cost me 72 dollars. I thought it was worth the price though because I'd rather spend the money for something nice than not get it. I mean, you only graduate from high school once," said Merritt.

College application fees can be outrageous according to senior Suzanne Smelter. The fee ran up to 30 dollars just to fill out a piece of paper telling someone why you wanted to attend their school. "It's really ridiculous that they make you pay even before you are accepted. When you apply to three or four colleges the fees can really add up," said Smelter.

Seniors had a lot to deal with including the pressures of deadlines and just getting through their last year. The expensive cost of being a senior had only added to their problems. All of these things added up to a confusing year filled with dollar signs and huge numbers that had most people cringing. "It will be a relief just to get out. I can't wait, " said Smelter.

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Megan Anne Freeman

Matthew Adam Gardner: Basketball 9-10,12; Track 9-12; Cross-Country 10; Conflict Mediator 12.

Virginia Lee Gardner: FBLA 11-12; Science Club 9; Cheerleading 9; SCA 12.

Kelly Anne Gardner: Cheerleading 10; Softball 11-12.

Kriste Rene Gentry: Girls Basketball 10-12; Track 10; Spanish Club 9-10; Key Club 11-12.

Michael Gene Gibson: Basketball 9-11.

Janelle Chere Glover: Drama Club 10-12, Secretary 12; Lit Mag 11; Key Club 12.

Robin Denise Gray: FBLA 9-11; Drama 10; FHA 9.

Joseph Wayne Green: Soccer 10,12; Science Club 9; FBLA 10.

Jacquetta Renee Greene

Daniel Lee Gregory

John Joseph Griffin: History 9-12,Vice-President 10-11; FBLA 10; VICA 11-12; FFA9-11.

Jonathan Roy Gutleber: JV Soccer 9-10; Varsity Soccer 11-12; NHS 11.

Daniel Haddai

Cindy Sue Haley: FBLA 10-12, Reporter 11, Vice President 12; Spanish Club 10; Science Club 9.

Dwayne Keith Hall: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-10.

Michael Rea Hall

Beth Marie Hammock: Colorguard 9-12, Captain 12; Cheerleading 10-12; Drama Club 9-10,12; Science Club 9; Key Club 12.

Melissa Nicole Harrell: DECA11-12, Vice President 11; FBLA 11-12; Senior Board 12; Science Club 9; Journalism 10.

Anthony Dean Harrington

Lisa Ann Harris: VICA 11-12.

Amanda Sue Hayward: Soccer 10-12; SCA 9-12, Reporter 11; Executive Board 9; Science Club 9-10; Yearbook 9-11.

Michael Leslie Heath: Football 9-10.

Mark James Heminover

Donna May Henderson

Joel Aaron Henderson: Lit Mag 12, Prose Editor 12; FBLA 12; English Club 12.

Adam Joseph Hokoana

Jason Hunter Hoskins

Brian Thomas Hudgins: JV Football 9; Varsity Football 10-12; Varsity Baseball 11.

Stephen Powell Hudson: FFA 9-12; Science Club 9.

Somneuk Ouliephone Inthavongdy: Science Club 9; Latin Club 12; Tennis 11-12; French 10-11.

Crystal Ittner

Andre Linwood Jackson: Basketball 9-10; FFA 10; Homecoming King.

Antre Anderson Jackson: Football 9,11; Basketball 10.

Yolanda Melaniece Jackson

Suzanne Elanie Jasinski: Science Club 9; FBLA 10-12; DECA 12.

Garrett Alan Johnson: Track 9,11; Cross-Country 10-11; Football

Jason Leander Johnson: Science Club 9-10; Yearbook Photographer 12.

Tuneasha Shaunta Johnson

Yavonda Sharese Johnson: Softball 10-12; Basketball Manager 11-12.

Jennifer Cleary Jones: Field Hockey 10-12, Captain 12; Cheerleading 9-10; SCA 11-12; French Club 9-12, Treasurer 12; Knightly News 12.

Leslie Alise Jones: FBLA 10-12; Science Club 9.

Tasha LaShawn Jones

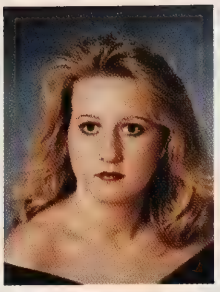
Sarah Renee Kellison: Latin Club 12; Science Club 10,12; Office Aide 10-11; Key Club 12; History Club 10.

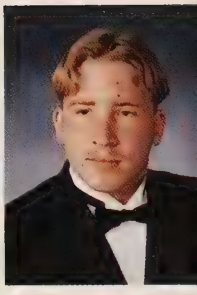
Jennifer Kennedy: Drama 10-11; Marching Band 12; English Club 12.

Roger Albert Kennedy: Football 9; Soccer 9-12.

Amber Leigh Knight: Basketball 10-12; Key Club 11-12; Track 10.

Erin Nicole Lawson: Multicultural Club 11, Secretary; English Club 10.





Rachael Elizabeth Lea: Tennis 9-12, Captain 11; Latin Club 9-10.

Rodney Dale Leckemby

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Chris D. Lewis: Basketball 9-10; Football 9-10; Mulltlcultural 10-12.

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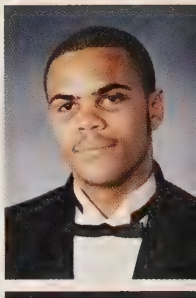


Kenneth Ray Little

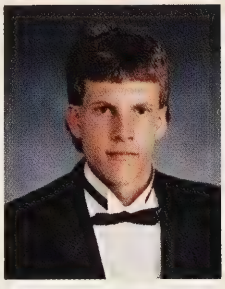
Jason Edward Littlejohn

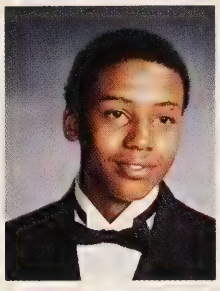
Seth Nathaniel Loveless: Key Club 12; FBLA 12.

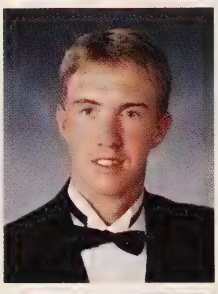
Aaron Donahue Lowery: Marching Band 9-12, Drum Major 11-12; Soccer 9-12; Battle Of the Brains 10-12, Captain 12; NHS 11-12, Secretary 12; Latin Club 9-12.

Christina Marie Lucas: DECA 11-12.

Adam Vants Luck: Basketball 9-10; VICA, President







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Brooke Valerie Markland: NHS 11-12, President 12; Drama Club 10-11; Key Club 11-12; French Club 10,12; Science Club 9-11.

Jamie June Marshall: Science Club 9-11, Vice-President 10-11; Latin Club 9, 11-12, Treasurer 12, Marching Band 9-10; Battle of the Brains 11.

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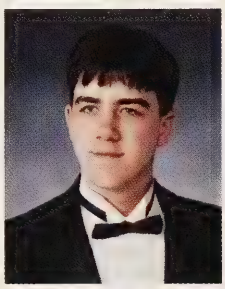

Jodie Marie Mcardle: FBLA 10-11; Library Aide 9; Office Aide 11.

Michael Charles McDonald: FFA 9-12; Science Club 9; Math Club 9; VICA 11-12.

Steven Craig McDonald: Science Club 9; Drama 10-11; SCA Rep 9-10.

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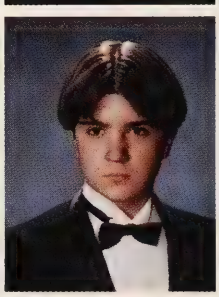

Michelle Lynn Melzer: Drama 10-11; German Club 9-12, President 11; Conflict Mediator 11-12; Chorus 9-10.

Temeisha Lashon Merl: FBLA 11-12; English Club 12; Science Club 10.

Wendy Renee Merritt: Science Club 9-11; Latin Club 9, 11-12; Literary Magazine 11-12; Hiking Club 9-10; Marching Band 9.

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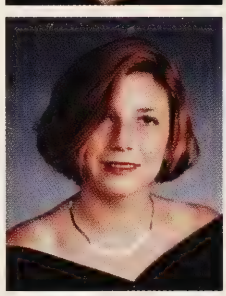
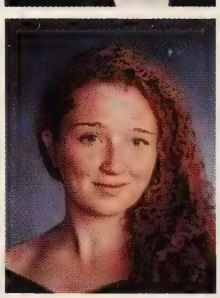




Monique Annette Mobley

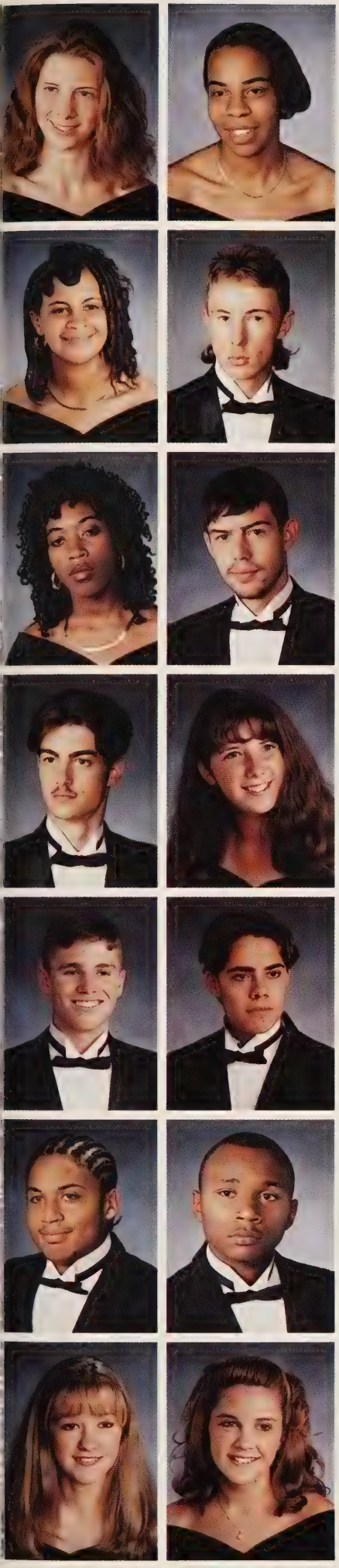
Terry Kay Moore: Conflict Mediator 11-12; Drama 11; Key Club 11; French Club 9-10.

Christy June Morgan: Softball 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Key Club 11-12, Secretary; Senior Vice-President 12; Spanish Club 9-10.

Katie Lynn Morgan: FBLA 9-12; Deca 12; SCA 9-10, Secretary; English Club 12; EPC 9-10.

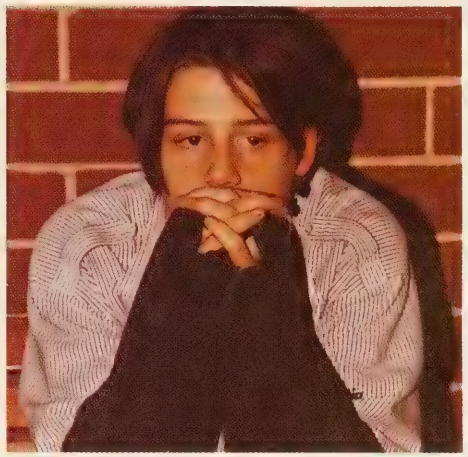
Kimberly Dawn Morgan: Science Club 9; French Club 9-11; Cheerleading 10-12; Gymnastics 9-10.

Janene Michelle Morris: Dance Team 11-12; FBLA 10-11; German Club 10; Science Club 9.



"Just another boring day at school," sighed Sophomore Danielle Tetting as she waited for the end of her fifth period class (photo by: Holly Doran).

Relaxing after lunch, sophomore Matt Haas drifts off into a day-dream before going to his next class (photo by: Chenille Eason).



off in a world of thier own

Glistening bodies in the sand and far off tropical islands are some of the things people day dream about in an attempt to escape reality. Some people said that day dreaming was a wishful creation of the imagination, but others said it was done out of pure boredom.

"I day dream when I'm bored because there's nothing else to do. My day dreams usually take place during class because I just start thinking of the things I'd rather be doing other than my work," said junior Ali Duffy.

Freshman Chris Lang dreams about doing better in school. "I dream about getting really good grades and going home and showing everyone. Then, I wake up and get my real report card," said Lang.

There was never a set time when you could day dream, according to junior Chuck Tolson. " I day dream all day long and then some," said Tolson. Freshman Kyle Martin disagreed and said, " I try to only day dream at night before I go to bed because I know I need to pay attention during school."

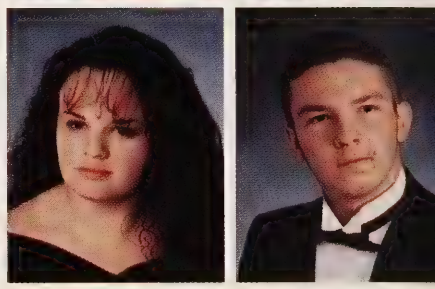
Even teachers found a chance to relax and think about other things. " I usually day dream when my students are taking a test or when I'm cleaning the house," said History teacher Mrs. Laura Millhouse.

"Once I dreamt that Mrs. Millhouse put our history chapter sheets in order so that we didn't have to look through to find the words. Obviously, I was dreaming," said junior Matt Sawyer.

Through their day dreams, many students expressed their hopes and aspirations for the future. "I dream about being rich and meeting famous people. I especially dream about what it would be like to meet a famous sports star," said freshman Charles Walker. Junior Natalie Beasly also dreams about the future, " I dream about what my life will be like and how long I will live."

Talking about all the silly things people say, juniors Estelea Marrow and Heather Mendelson sit in the hall during lunch.

While hanging out during lunch, seniors Sarah Darnell and Chad McIntosh laugh over a phrase that reminds them of a time when they went out.



just talking the talk

Circulating through the air as if they just appear, buzz words appear everywhere. These are the words that you and your friends use instead of standard English. These words are on every one's lips; they just seem to stick, and no one knows why.

Words that many people say always seem to enter into your vocabulary as well, even though you don't know what they mean. "A lot of people say 'kickin'. I'm not sure what it means, but I think it means that something is doing good. Really the only reason I say it is because everyone else does," said junior Loui Kartoudi.

Some words are used by one person and only one person for a while. "Pretty neat, pretty cool is my response to everything. I say it just for a lack of something more intelligent to say," junior James Coleman said. Junior Klare Potter agrees. " I say swell. I use it a lot. Other people may use it but not as much as me. I love that word; it's the best," Potter said.

Some words mean the total opposite of what we've always known it to mean. "The word 'phat' means good. When the word was new you would always have to spell it out. That way no one thought you were referring to their weight. I say it because it's different, and I like it," said senior John Shannon.

Just the fun of saying them is reason enough for sophomore Kellie Mead to say her buzz words. "The heck if it is" is something my friends and I say a lot. Every time one of us says it, we just laugh. It means the opposite of what some one else says. I think it sounds cool," Mead said.

Sometimes you can just kill the word. When your friends just roll their eyes every time you say it, or they say it before you even get it out of your mouth, that's when you know the word is dead. "My friend says 'the bomb' all the time. It was cute at first, but now I can't stand it. That's all right, though ,I say 'Really?' all the time, and I know it's obnoxious," said sophomore Kim Bridges.

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Patrick Charles Munley: Key Club 11-12; French Club 11-12.
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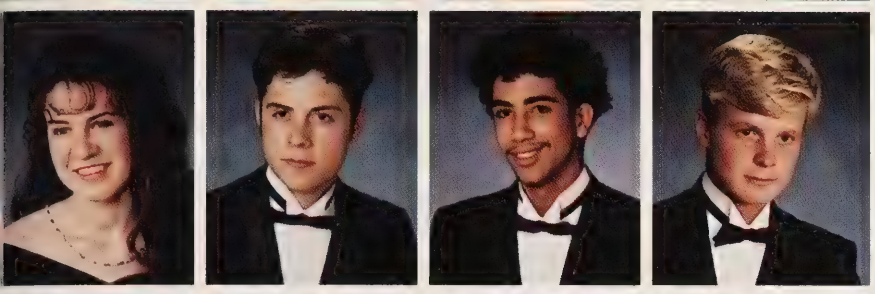
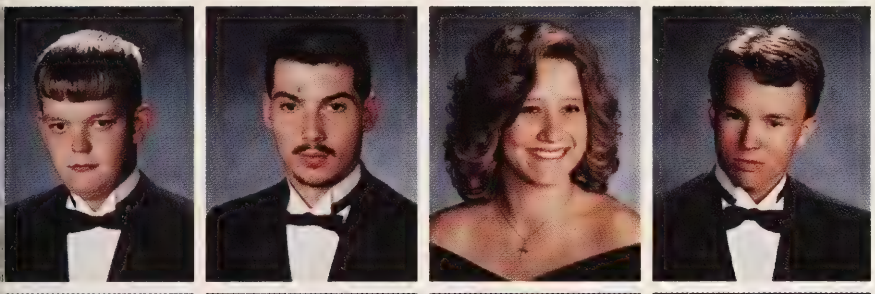
Wendy Leonor Najarro: Key Club 11-12.
Richard Lee Napier: VICA 11-12; FFA 10.



Carrie Helene Newton: Science Club 9; FBLA 10-11; Dance Team 11; Library Aide 10.
Nancy Diane Oertel: SADD 9; Varsity Soccer 10; Yearbook Staff 10-11.
Melissa LaClaire Palmer: Band 11-12; Executive Board 12; Key Club 11-12; Latin Club 11-12.
Samuel Richard Parshall: Sca Rep 10; NHS 11;Inter-Actors 11; One-Act Play 12.
Kristopher Lawrence Patterson:
Douglas Wayne Payne

Casey Renee Pennington: FBLA 10-12, Secretary 12.
Tommy Lee Perryman: Science Club 9-12; FBLA 12.
Brian Jose Pitt
Cassandra Briane Pitts: Science Club 9; FBLA 9.
Latasha Michelle Poindexter
Lamphay Pokpanh: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Tennis 11-12.



Amy Ruth Porter: Cheerleading 9-10,12, Captain 10; Tennis 9-12; French Club 9-12; Knightly News 12,Secretary 12; Science Club 9-11.
Shaetiah Lashae Preston: James Farmer 9-12; Deca 12; Fbla 10-11; Multi-Cultural 10,12.
Jimmy Atmore Priola: Basketball 9-12; French Club 11; Track 9; Spanish Club 9-10; Science Club 9.
Donald Ray Pritchett
Allenna Renee Proffitt
David Alan Prudom: Golf 9-12; Science Club 9.

Wendi May Rakes: French Club 12.
Jill Dorothea Rayman: German Clb 9-10; Drama Club 10-11; FBLA 11-12; Deca 12.
Melanie Christina Reaves
Ronna Lee Reves: Band 9-11; Drama 10; Spansh Club 9-10; Conflict Mediator 9-11.
Jennifer Kay Richards: Yearbook 10-12, Asst. Editor 11, Editor-in-Chief 12; Multi-Cultural Club 12; Cross Country 11; Track 10.
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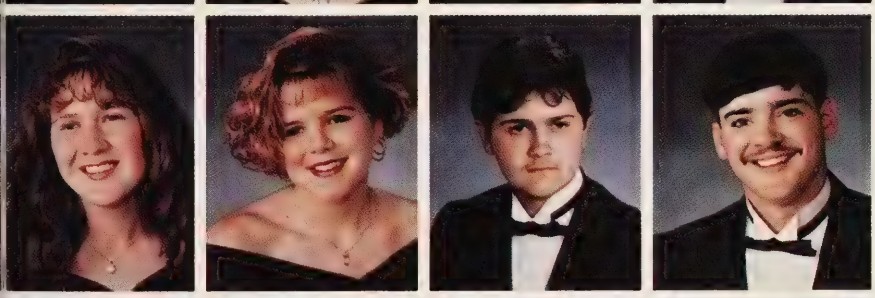

Ian Hunter Robertson
Melanie Gail Robertson
Joanna Eilene Robinson: Marching Band 9-12; Drama Club 10-12; NHS 11-12; Chorus 10,12.
Heather Lynn Rogers: FBLA 9,12.
Casey Michael Rooney
Christopher Daniel Ross: Football 9; Golf 10-12; Varsity Baseball 9-12.

Douglas Neil Rubsam
Margaret Heather Rumuly: Cross-Country 9-12, Captain 12;Track 9-11; Cheerrleading 9-10; Latin Club 9.
Mark Alexander Russell: Newspaper 10-12, Photo editor 12; Science Club 9.
Carson Carter Sams: Science Club 9; History Club 9.
Doris Mae Satterwhite: FBLA 9-11; FHA 9; Office Aide 11-12.
Derek Lee Saul: Science Club 9; FFA 10-12; VICA 11-12.

Erika Louise Savee: NHS 11-12, Treasurer 12; Color Guard 9-12, Captain 12; Soccer 10-12; Drama 9-12; French Club 9-10.

Jesse Allan Schoch: Science Club 9-10.

Adam Lee Schulze: Baseball 9-12; FFA 9-12; Science Club 9-10; Baseball Card Club 9-10; SCA 9-12.

Kimberly Inez Seay: FBLA 10-11; DECA 12; Science Club 9.

Pany Sengvong: FHA 9-11; Multicultural 10; Science Club.

JuHyun Seo

Jennifer Ann Shane: Marching Band 9-10,12; Latin Club 9, 11-12; Battle of the Brains 11-12; Science Club 9-12.

John David Shannon: Football 9-12; Wrestling 10-12; Science Club 9; FBLA 10.

Tara Lowann Short

Barbora Simonova: English Club 12; German Club 12.

Angela Marie Skidmore: Cheerleading 10-11; Science Club 9; FBLA 10; Spanish Club 10.

Hollie Charmagne Smallwood: FBLA 10-12; DECA 11-12.

Suzanne Audrey Smelter

Damon Christian Smith: Soccer 9-12; Science Club 9-10; Hiking Club 9-10; Football 12. DECA 12.

Jessica Jeanne Smith: Marching Band 9-12; Drama 9-11; Spanish Club 9; SCA Treasurer 11; NHS 11-12.

Michael Anson Smith: Soccer 9-10, 12.

Mollie Elizabeth Smith: Cheerleading 9-11; Gymnastics 9-12, Captain 12; Drama 11-12, Vice-President 12; Latin Club 9-10,12.

Tiffany Nichole Smith: Basketball 9-11; Tennis 10-12; Latin Club 9-12; Key Club 12; Spanish Club 12.

Susan Marie Sorrell: Drama 11; Science Club 9.

Tabecca Lynn Southworth

Kalece Ppar Sprow: Basketball 9-12; Cheerleading 10; SCA 9-12, Secretary 12; Track 9; Multicultural Club 10-12.

Matthew Alan Stagge: Science Club 9; FBLA 10-12.

Ryan Christopher Stanard: Football 9-12; Multicultural Club 9-12; Science Club 9; Basketball 10; Knightly News 12.

Steven Wayne Stanley

Kathryn Ann Stavinoha: Basketball 9-12, Captain 12; Track 11-12; Science Club 9; Class President 10-11; Softball 10.

Jason Robert Stone: Track 9-12; Science Club 9.

Elizabeth Katherine Suwinski

Anthony Terill Talley

Christina Angela Talley

Andrew Nicholas Taylor: Soccer 10-11; DECA 11.

Jessica Ann Taylor

Lisa Marie Taylor

Ron Christopher Taylor: DECA 12.

Melissa Marie Thompson: Science Club 9; Marching Band 10-11; DECA 11-12, Vice-President, President 12; Tennis 9.

Eden Christine Till: FHA 9-11.

Yolanda Jene Tolson: Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 10,12; Softball 9-10; Multicultural 9-12; Homecoming Court 10-11; Basketball Manager 9-12.

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James Claude Vance: Key Club 11-12, President 12; Yearbook 10-11; Newspaper 12.

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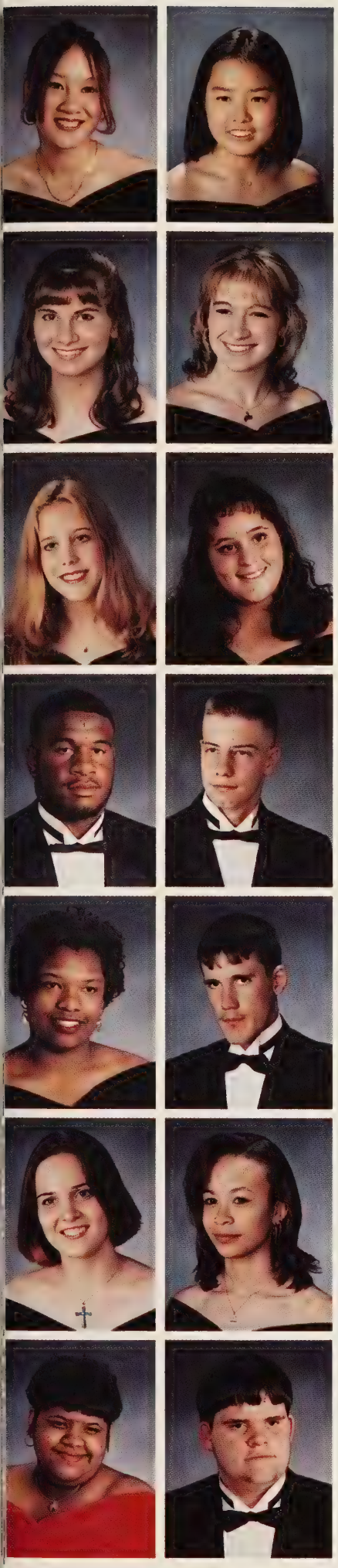

Not being able to stand being indoors when the weather is nice, junior Jennifer Eastwood paints senior Gina Dunlap's fingernails while enjoying the fresh air.

During lunch, senior Sarah Darnell uses her free time to look over her notes before going to class.

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Twister, the stocking feet game, was only one of the past times students participated in during their lunch hour. " I brought my twister to school because we get bored during lunch and needed something fun to do," said junior Lee Payne. "It's good old family fun," agreed junior Ali Duffy."

Studying was another activity that took up many students lunchtime. "I do all of my homework that I was supposed to do the night before, during lunch," said sophomore Casey Knight. "I'm usually busy after school, and I have things to do, so lunch is the only time I can finish my work," said Knight. Senior Robbie Zahabi also studied during lunch. " I want to make good grades, so I need time to study before tests," said Zahabi.

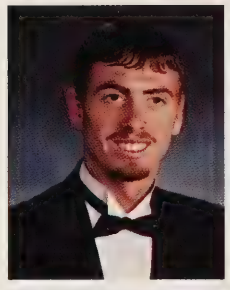
In an attempted to find a date, freshaman Marshall Morgan spent his lunch periods, "talking to girls, walking with girls, and trying to meet girls," said Morgan. Freshman Jessica Acors also spent her lunch chasing after the opposite sex. "I usually flirt with guys all during lunch. It's a good time because everyone is relaxed and it's fun," said Acors.

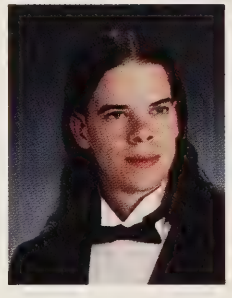
The open gym provided students with a place to hang out besides the cafeteria. "I go in the gym and play basketball during lunch. It's fun and I get to show off for girls," said Sophomore Nathan Herron. "Some people go outside to play football, but I think basketball is more fun " added Herron.

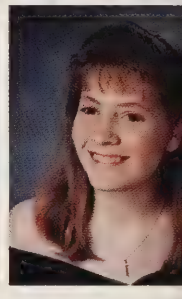
The outside air and sunshine tempted many students to go out and play. "Whenever it's warm outside I like to go outside and walk around and talk to my friends," said junior Kristina Kealey. Junior Scott Smith also enjoyed going outside during lunch. "It's a good time to get a tan and play around and act crazy. Lunch is the best time all day, I always look forward to it," said Smith.

During the senior lunch, door prizes were given out. Senior James Lawson receives his prize from Mrs. Pickett.

At the senior appreciation day lunch, Chrissy Ball hangs on the goal post.







goofing off and acting like a bunch of school kids

Diligently spending most of your life in school is a lot to be credited for, some think. The seniors are almost through with school and were rewarded with a break on Senior Appreciation Day.

out in the open and with friends was the best part for senior Andrea Zinn. "It was fun, just a bunch of my friends getting together with food and games. I got to get out of class. When you skip school there's nothing to do and that gave us something to do and made us want to come to school," Zinn said.

Coming to school is usually a drag, but Senior Appreciation Day made it worth it. 'It was worth my time because I had a lot of fun. The best part was getting to play outside. I liked the food, it was a lot better than what I usually eat," senior Hatim Abed said.

Senior Tim Minor agreed. " I had getting out of class and being wit whole bunch of friends," Minor sai

Some took the traditional route a decided to stick with Senior SKIP D "I skipped because it was Senior S Day, everyone skips. We all just w out and partied. Otherwise it j wouldn't have been the same. tradition," said senior Chris Ross.

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Leann Christina Watson: Girls Soccer 9-10,12; Marching Band 10-12; Key Club 12; Science Club 9,11; Drama Club 10-12.
Shaun Alan Watson

Elliott Bradford Weaver: Football 9-11; Track 9-12; VML 9-10; Science Club 9-10; Varsity Club 9-10.
Phillip Clark Wentz: Marching Band 9-12; Drama Club 10-12, President 12; Renaissance Club 12.
Richard Westrick: Marching Band 9-12; Math Club 9-10,12; Latin Club 10-12; Chess Club 10-12.
Marci Diane Willard: Band 9-10, 12; FBLA 10; Key Club 11-12, Vice President 12; Muolit-Cultural 11-12 President 12; Lit Mag. 12; Assistant Editor 12.
Crystal Ann Williams
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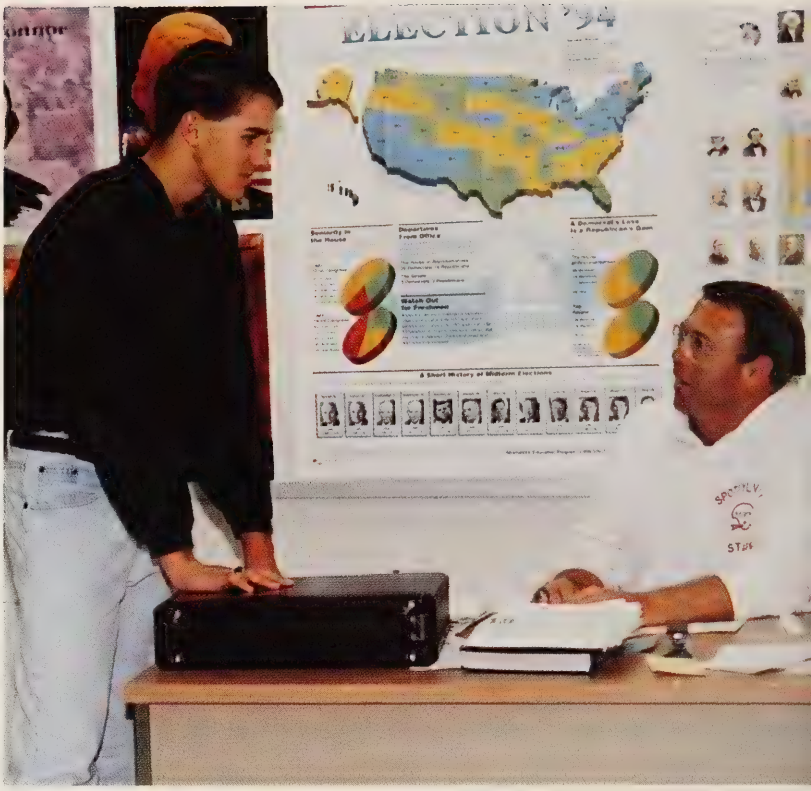
David Lawrance Wright: Baseball Club 9; Science Club 9-11; VICA 11-12.
Rebecca Anne Wunce: FHA 9-10; FBLA 12; COE 12.
Robert Hossein Zahabi: Soccer 9-12; Battle of Brains 12; Latin Club 9-10; SCA 9-11; Journalism 10-12, Editor 12.
Andrea Zinn: Girls Soccer 10-12; Colorguard 9-11.

Laughing at Mrs. Gratzick, senior Jennifer Armstrong watches as she is covered with silly string in honor of her birthday.

Playing volleyball was one of the activities offered at the senior lunch. Senior Christy Morgan helps teammates Kristy Gentry and Amber Knight hit the ball back over the net.



Coming to a new school junior Jason Dunn already had a friend at the school, History teacher Mr. Dunn. Jason usually stopped by to talk with his father before and after school. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

THE TERRIBLE TWO

The people in the stands screaming the loudest or the couple in clothes from 1970 aren't all that weird to you. You know them all to well; these are your parents. You love them, but they are just so embarrasing.

Some students found that when their parents talked about the past it really embarrassed them. "They will say something from the past in the mall or around my friends," said freshman Kristina Sebak.

Public places were a common place to feel embarrassed. "One time I was in Footlocker and my mother was in another store. She came out of the store she was in and ran to me and gave me a hug," said junior Randy Ennis. "She did it just to embarrass me, so now I walk ten feet in front of her," added Ennis.

While junior Mike Davis was in Chick-Fil-A about to sit down and enjoy his lunch when, his mom shouted... "Hey Mike, did you fart?" He claims that was the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to him.

Having to be a parent wasn't always the easiest. "I would like to think that embarrassing children is completely unintentional, and it is out of pride and love," said English teacher Joyce Ivan. "If you didn't have goofy parents who embarrassed you because they are proud and they loved you, you would feel left out if they didn't," added Ivan.

Having a mom who taught at the school sometimes worked out well especially for freshman Lesley Leamer whos' mother was Sharon Leamer head of the P.E. department.(photo by: Chnenille Eason)

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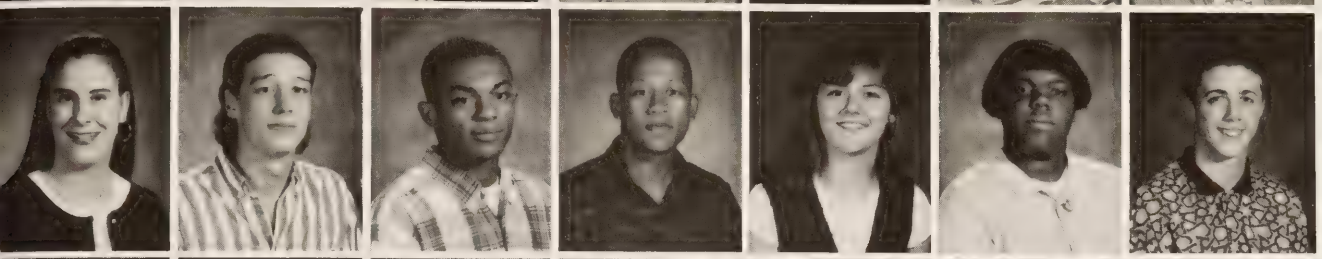

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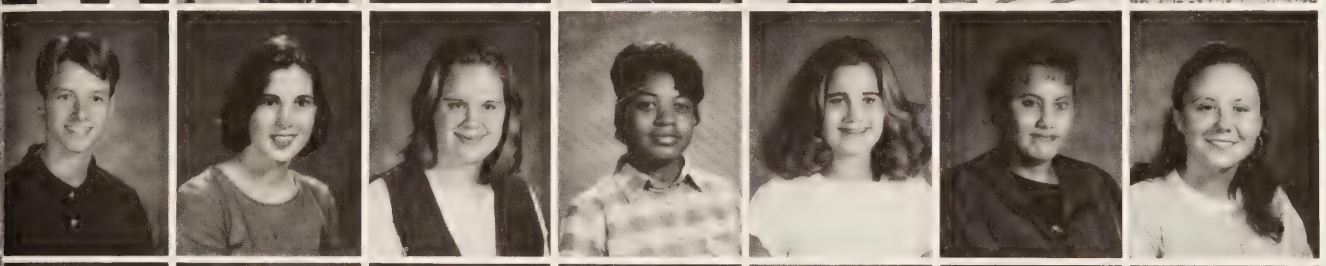

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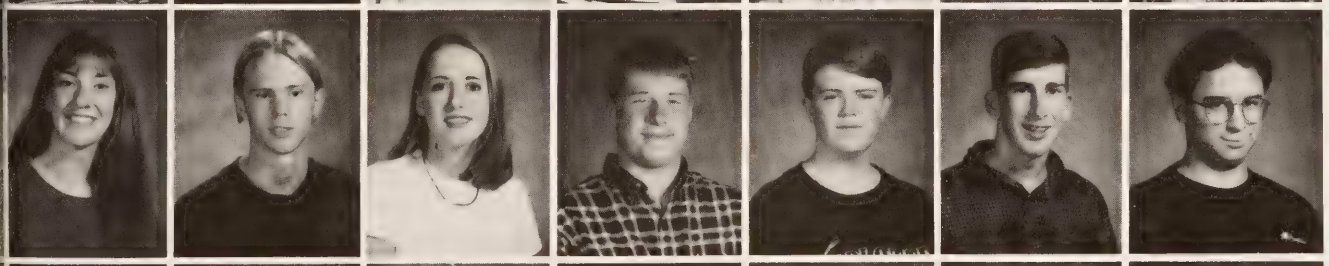

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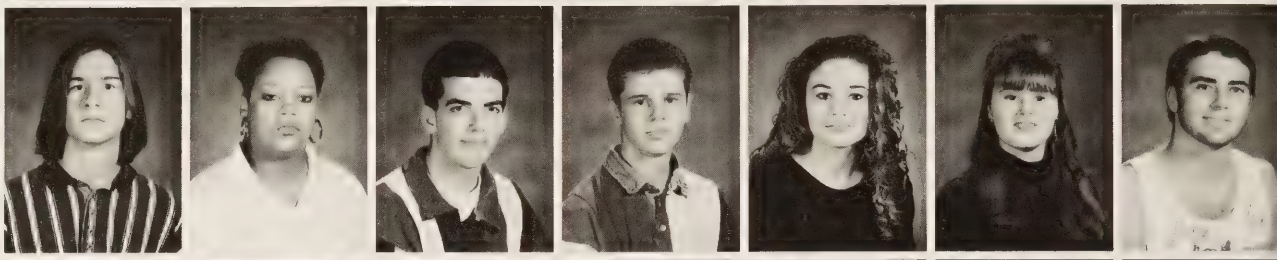

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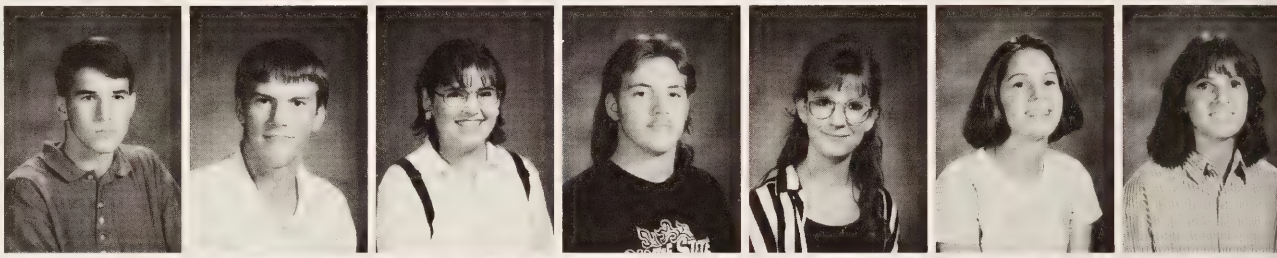

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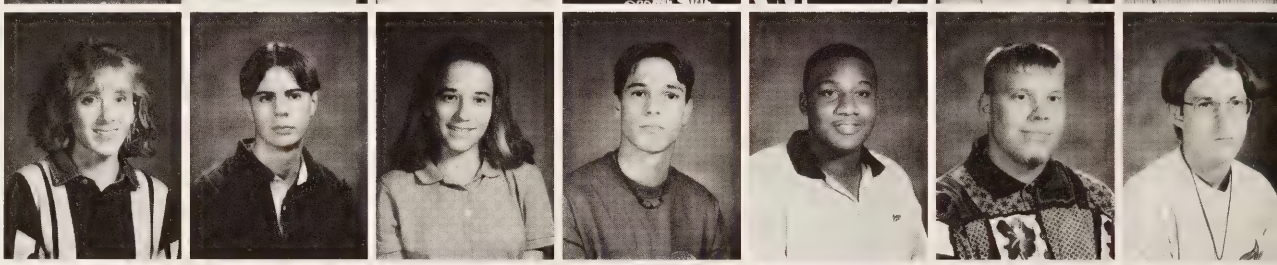

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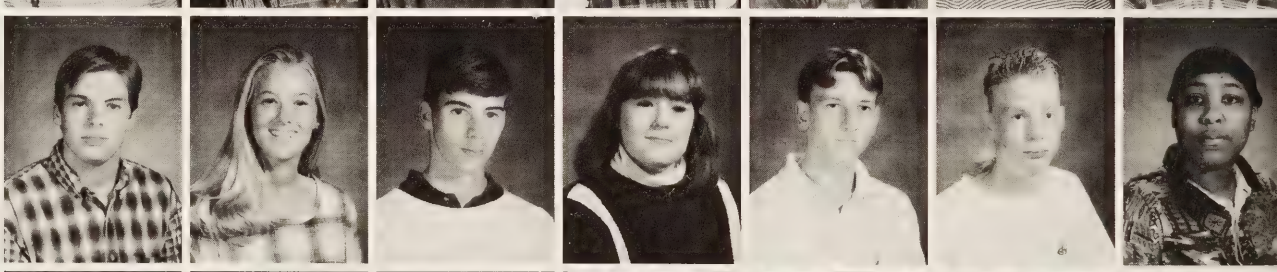

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Showing brotherly love, sophomore Patrick Cushing talks to his sister freshman Katie Cushing.

SIB STRUGGLE TWO

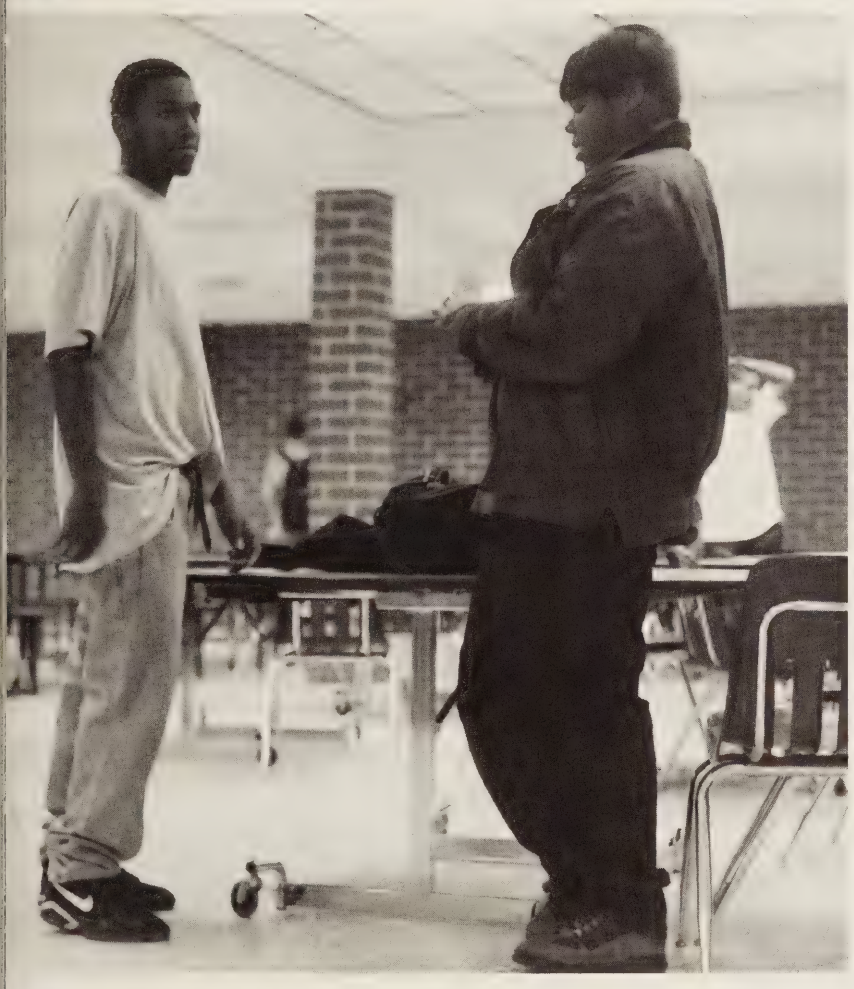
Huey, Duey and Louie never had this problem but many siblings do. Grades, when one sibling gets better grades than the other a grade competition can start.

"There is a competition sort-of, I always get better grades than Patrick" said freshman Katie Cushing. "I care about my grades and he doesn't seem to," added Cushing. Sophomore Patrick Cushing agreed with his younger sister, "There is a competition, Katie has always gotten better grades than me. It seems like she enjoys studying.

For junior Elizabeth Williams there was a competition between her and her freshman sister Holly Williams.

Beths' younger sister disagreed. "There isn't a competitionas far as I can tell, we tell each other our grades but, I don't consider that competing," said Holly. "The competition between my sister and I could never change our relationship, she is my best friend I could never let anything that stupid get in the way of that," said Beth Williams.

Senior Susan Darnell felt that there wasn't a competition between her and her twin sister Sarah. "We just joke around like saying Ha Ha I beat you. There is more of a competition in sports than there is in grades. "We both have very competitive attitudes andwe were raised to think independently. I think it helps us to do a lot better with everything in life and it will let us realize that there will always be someone out there better than you," said Sarah Darnell.



During their lunch period sophomoreDerrek Baskerville and his sister junior Rachael Baskerville talke about their day. (photo by: Holly Doran)

Signing in late to school, senior Andy Taylor smiles as a member of office sttaff comments on his habitual late arrivals.(photo by: Chenille Eason)

JUST OSTLING

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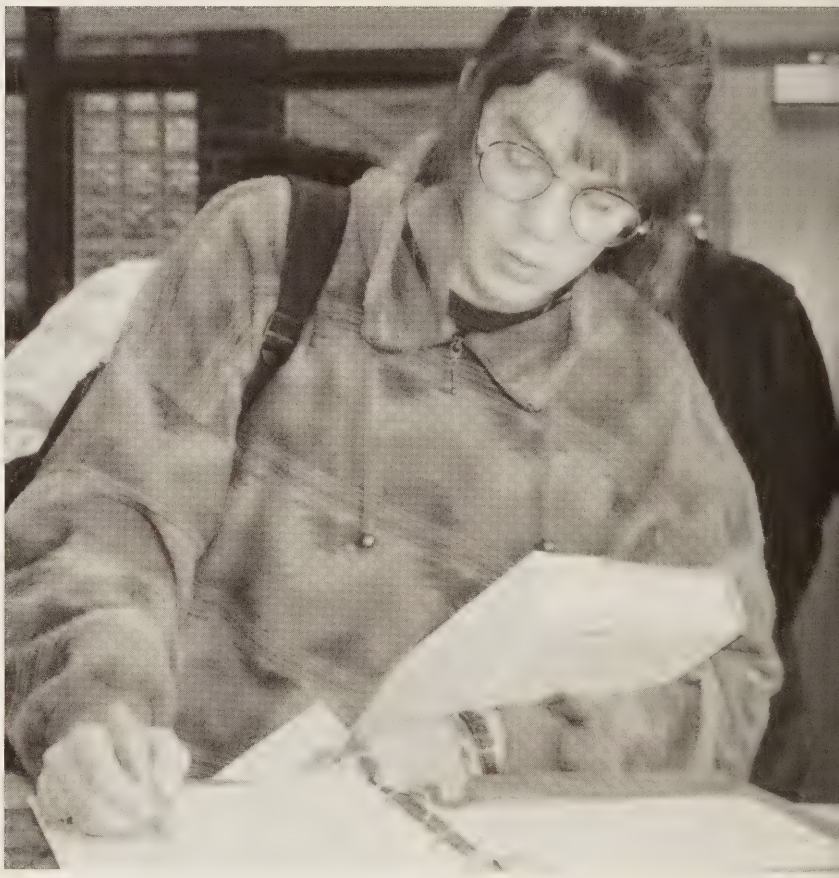
Beep. Beep. Beep. The sound of an alarm clock broke through the silent night. Morning again and another day of school. Students had to face the daily grind of waking up in time to make it to school by the 8:03 tardy bell.

For some students, this task proved to be impossible. Sophomore Christie White arrived at school around 8:30 on a regular basis. Even though her alarm clock was set for 6:30 a.m., White never seemed to wake up until after 7:00. "I don't have time to do my hair, eat, or anything really. I have P.E. first period and Mr. McCauley yells at me for being late all of the time," said White. White blamed her oversleeping on, "staying up all night on the phone."

Getting ready for school was a science that had to be perfected, according to junior Scott Smith. "I don't mess around in the morning and so when my alarm goes off at 7:00 I get up right away and I'm ready to leave by 7:25." Smith took time to eat breakfast, get dressed, and fix his hair before leaving for school, but preferred taking his shower the night before. "It's too cold to take a shower in the morning. I've been taking my shower at night since the sixth grade and it suits me just fine," said Smith.

Waking up at 5:50 a.m. was necessary for junior Sam Moore to be ready for his morning bible class that was held daily in his home. "I have Seminary class every morning for 45 minutes. All the people from school that go to my church come over for the class. I'm sometimes tired during the day, but I'm never late for school," said Moore.



Staying up late to study seems to be a common cause for students sleeping inand missing the bus. Here, senior Nancy Oertel leans over the sign in sheet as she clutches her homework assignmemts.(photo by: Chenille Eason)

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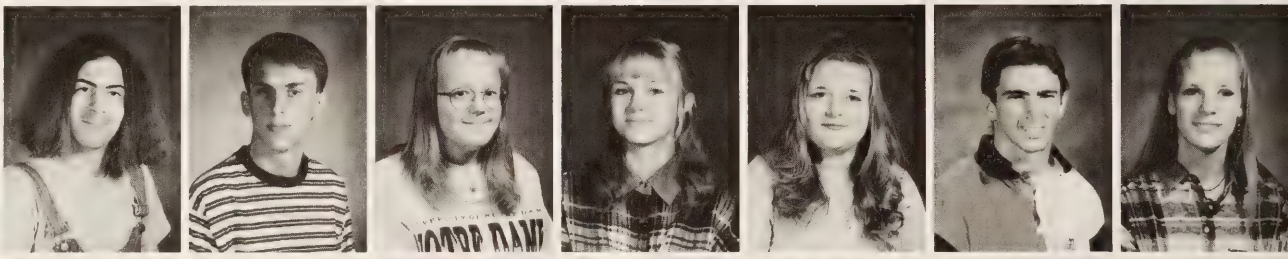

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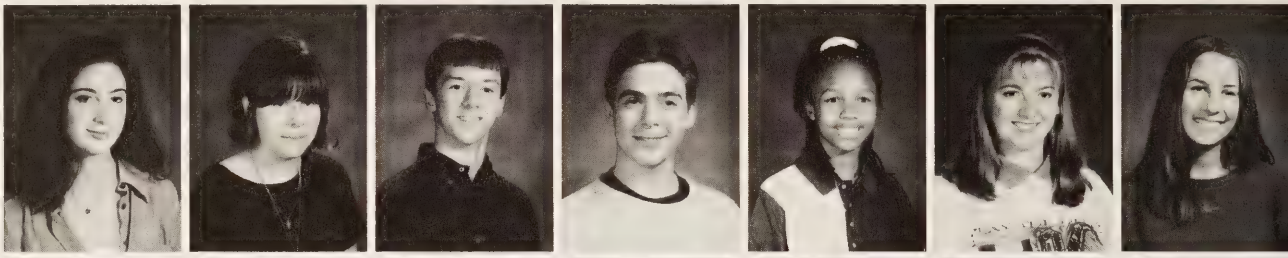

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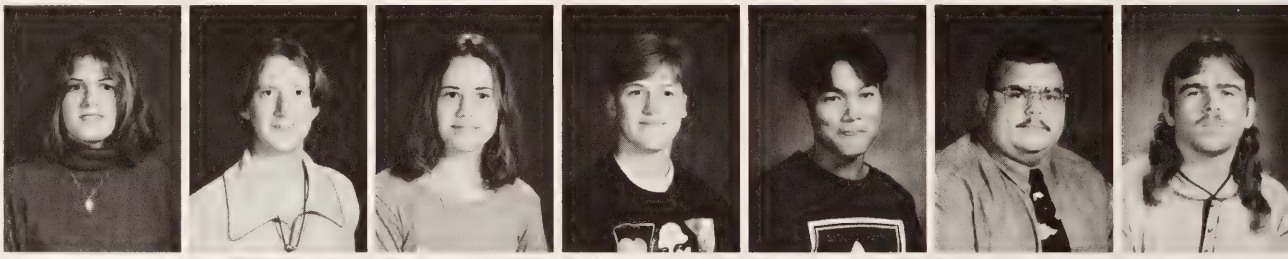

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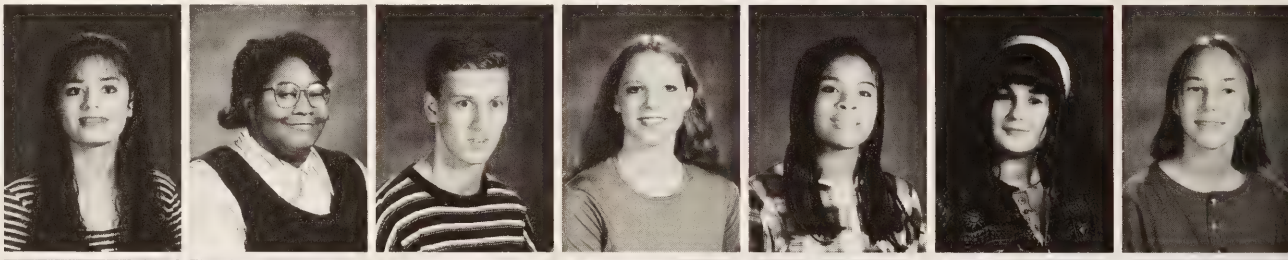

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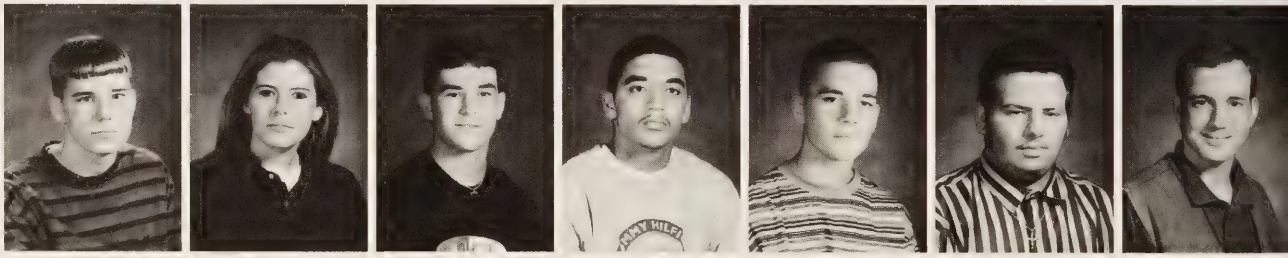

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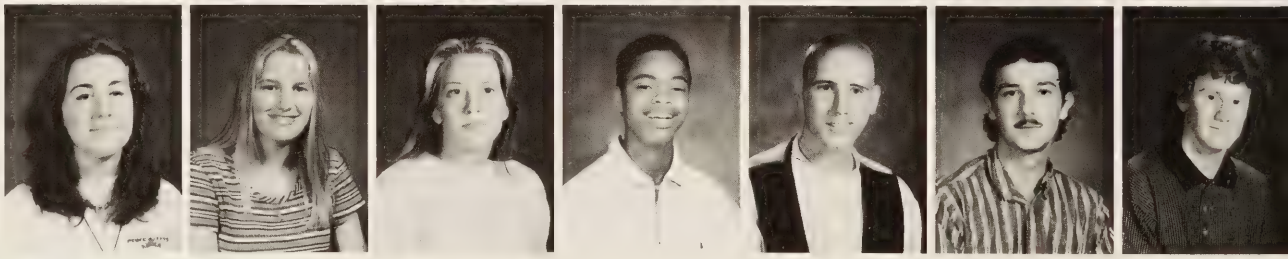

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The thought of getting a ticket has always scared junior Theresa Tovar. "If I get a ticket I'm worried that my dad won't let me drive until I'm 18," added Tovar.(photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

THE TICKET TRAUMA

Lights shine in your rearview mirror as everyone watches you as you pull over to the side of the highway. You feel embarrassed and also mad at the same time. You come to a complete stop and some one approaches your door. You wind down your window to hear someone say, "Let me see your license and your registration, please."

Many have heard this harmful phrase from doing things like not stopping at a stop sign, running a redlight, or most of all exceeding the speed limit.

"I got my ticket for speeding this summer," said senior Douglas Payne. "I was doing a 77 in a 55. I had to go to driving school for 5 hours."

"I got my first ticket because I was going 67 in a 45." said Junior Eddie Ramsey.

Getting your first ticket not only makes you feel embarrassed and scared, it can also make you feel bad and a have different attitude towards the speed limit.

"I felt pretty bad getting my first ticket," added Ramsey. "I had to tell my mom but she wasn't mad. She paid for my ticket but it also made me respect the speed limit more."

"I felt scared because I thought my dad was going to kill me for wrecking my new car," said junior Ju'Riese Colon. "I made an improper left turn down a street and a car ran into the side of my car. My dad wasn't really mad at me because he was more worried about me being okay. My dad paid for everything, but it made me learn to take my time and read the street signs before I make turn," added Colon.

For junior Laura Brooks, getting her first speeding ticket was an experience that she didn't want to happen again. Brooks said, "I had to pay half of my ticket myself, and my insurance went up."(photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

One of the consequences of having two jobs for Jill Raymond is coming into school late. Raymond holds two jobs so she can help pay for college.

DUTY: DOUBLE DOSE

Working nine to five? Not for some students who have two jobs. It's more like right after school to eleven o'clock. Finding time for school and time for themselves can sometimes be a difficulty. By the time students are in bed, junior David Kincade is working hard.

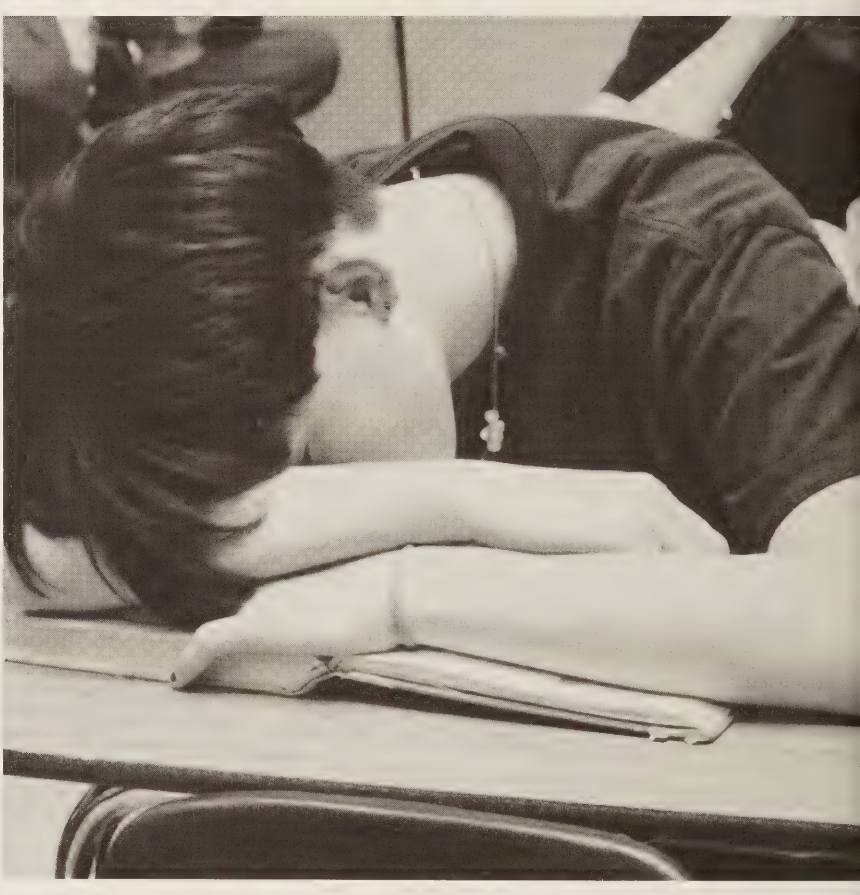
"I work at Arby's until eleven o'clock, then I go to Taco Bell until four. I just do my homework in school, so it's not a big stress on me. My goal is is to save up for my own car," said Kincade.

Money isn't everything for some students. "It keeps me away from the house and I really like my jobs at Deb and Parks and Rec. My favorite is my job at Parks and Rec., which is what I had first. I get to do a lot of different things," said junior Laura Brooks.

School work can sometimes feel like a third job added on. "I worked all summer with two jobs because I have to support myself through college. When school started I was scared my grades would fall so I quit one," said senior Amy Porter. Junior Laurie Brandt agreed.

"With my two jobs at my mom's dance school and at Parks Rec., it's hard to keep up with my school work, but I do what I have to do. I make pretty good grades and I'm not unsatisfied with the pay either," Brandt said.

"When I have really long papers to do my jobs really conflict. I try not to work to hard and burn myself out because I realize education is very important," said Brooks.



Handling two jobs at one time is a difficult job for junior David Kincade as he tries to catch up an rest during class.

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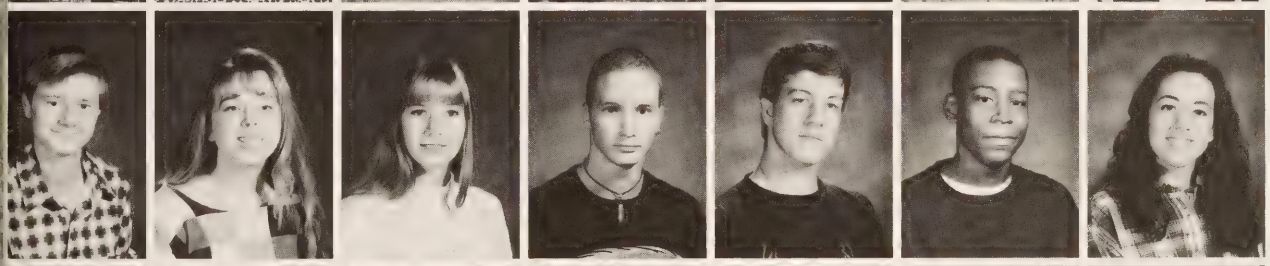

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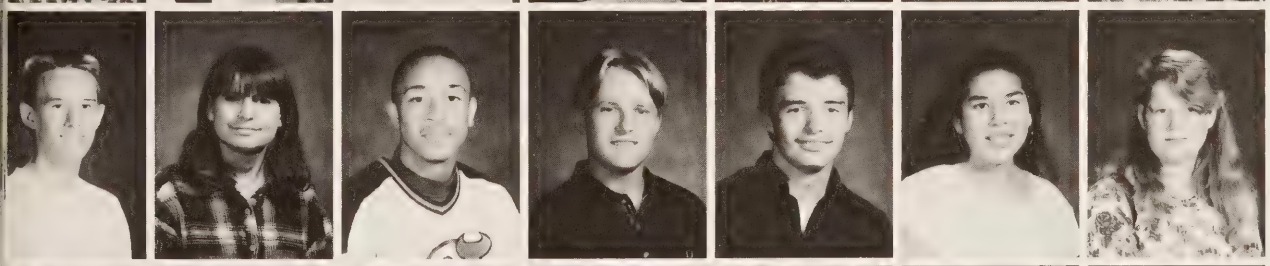

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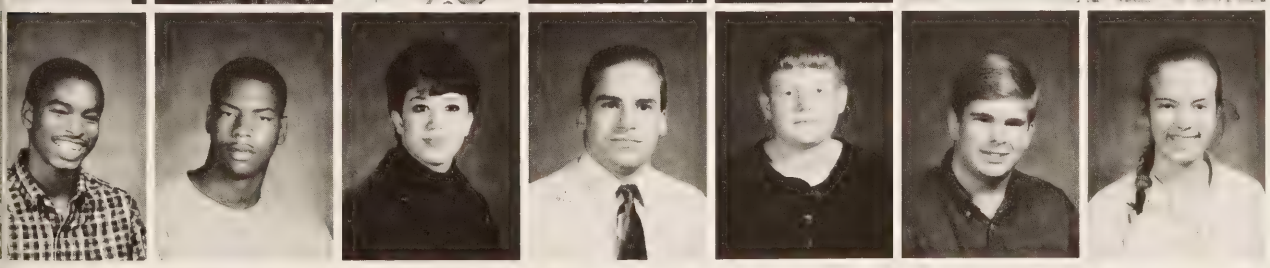

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Putting the finishing touches to her outfit, sophomore Somrack Intavogney is almost finished getting ready to go out (photo by: Somneuck Intavongney).

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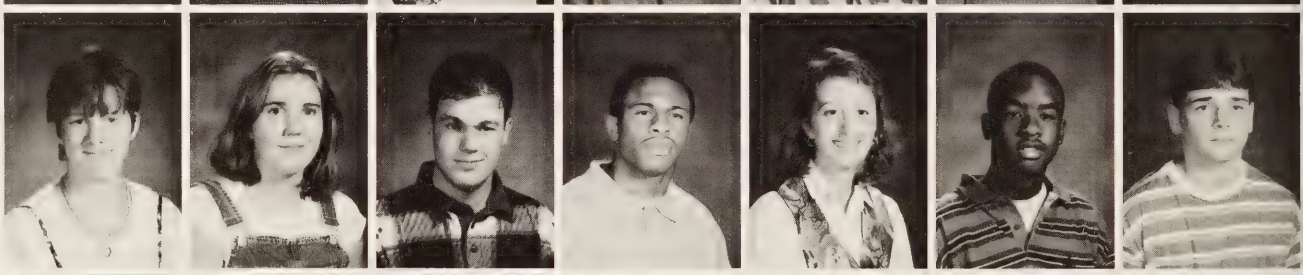

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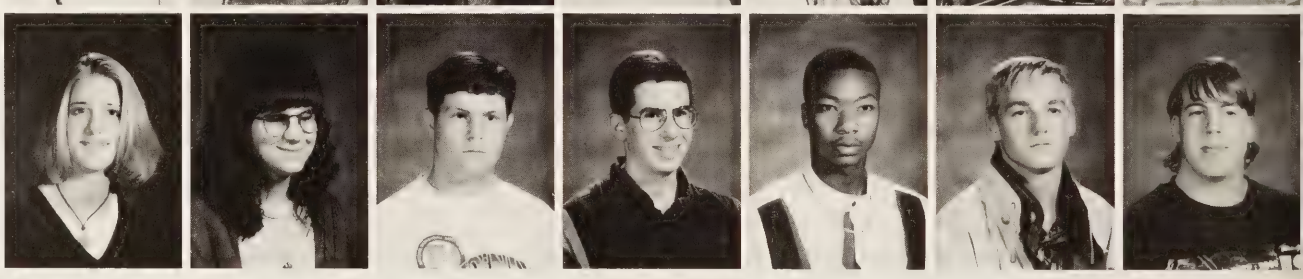

Starting out by washing her face, sophomore Amanda Dugan takes a lot of time getting ready to go out. First, she washes her hair,then her face, etc., etc. (photo by: Rachel Baskerville)

GET GOING, NOW

Time flies when your having fun. Well in this case, time flies when getting ready for a date is in order. This could be Prince or Princess Charming knocking at your door and you have to look your best. For some, it takes what seems like eternity to others to get ready.

It's a matter of cleanliness for junior Lisa Rice. "It takes me an hour and a half to get ready. I've got it all timed perfectly. Taking my shower takes up the most time because I take a half hour shower," said Rice. For others, making a good impression means the most.

"It takes me a long time to get ready because I want to look my best. If I'm going out on a date then that means I like the person and I want to make a good impression. I don't do anything dramatic that takes a long time, I just take my time and make sure everything perfect," said junior Heather Cash.

Laziness plays a key factor in junior Kyle Otte preparation for getting ready. "It takes me two hours to get ready just because I'm so tired. I'm never in a rush but I still like to look my best," said Otte.

Looking his best and out to impress, sophomore Nick Tovar takes time to iron out his favorite shirt. (photo by: Ju'riese Colon)

"I bring my lunch because I hate waiting in line, and I prefer the food from my house," said junior Amy Wallace.(photo by: Ju'reise Colon)

Constant Cravings

the silliest thoughts can trigger our hunger **for** large appetites and cause us to starve for **food.**

Hunger Pains are crying out "Feed me! Feed me!". It's only third period, breakfast was two hours ago and lunch is two hours away, but you're starving. So what's wrong with a little stash in your book bag or locker? Some students say they feel like they eat all time; they just love food.

Craving certain foods spark hunger. "I love anything with barbecue sauce. Mostly I just eat. Sometimes I carry stuff with me in my book bag, just in case I get hungry," said sophomore Krissa Cockrum.

Favorite foods vary from person to person. " I love lasagna and steak. I eat five times a day and these things aren't always included in my meal. I mostly eat anything and everything," said junior Mike Batts.

Events that happen day to day sometimes determine someone's hunger status. "Usually I eat the most after football practice. All the energy I use up makes me hungry," said senior Brian Hudgins. Junior Andrew Frye agreed. " After playing a sport, the only thing I want to do is eat. That's not the only time I get hungry, though. I carry around cheese crackers in my book bag, if I don't I'm starving by lunch time," Frye said.

Although favorite foods vary, reasons for eating don't. "I eat because I'm hungry," said sophomore Serena Carter. Carter's friend, sophomore Windsor Hall, agreed. "I definitely eat when I'm hungry," said Hall.

The concession stand is a very popular place for junior Akeeia Turner. "I usually eat Rice Crispy Treats and a Sunny delight. Lunch is the best time of day," said Turner. (photo by: Ju'reise Colon)

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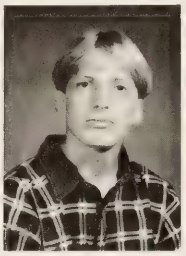

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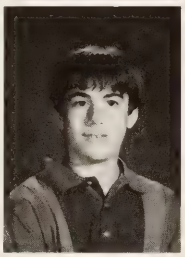

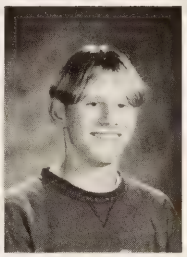
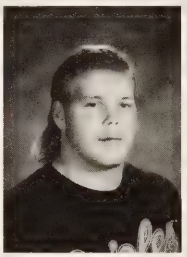
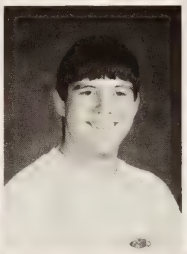

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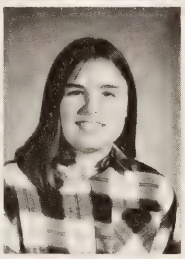
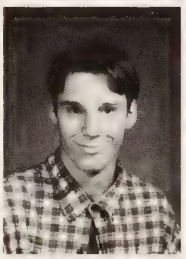
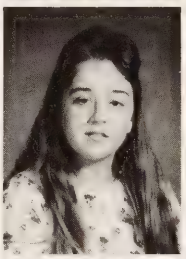
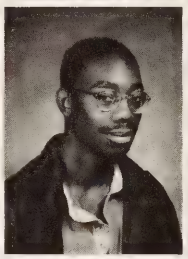

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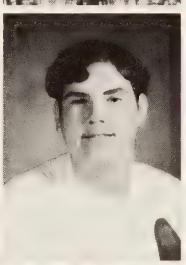
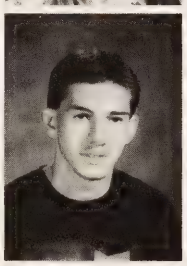
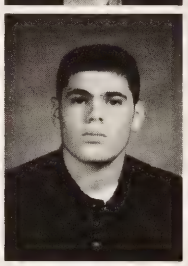
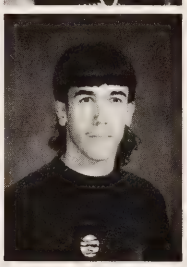
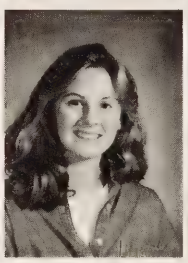

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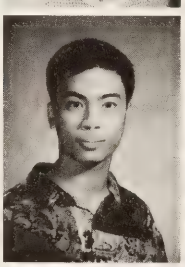
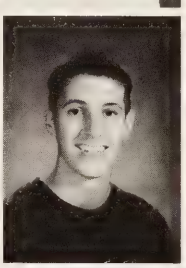
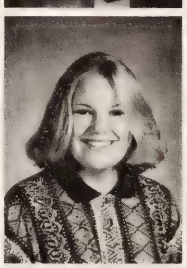

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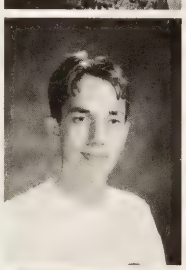

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At a dress rehearsal for the 1995 production of the Nutcracker, junior Alison Dufy, dances gracefully. Duffy has been practicing ballet for many years (photo by Alex Russell).

After School

Even though school is hard and the **extra** work can take forever,some students made time for other **activities.**

Stress of school isn't enough for many students, they want more. In addition to completing the regular school day some students also participated in and excelled in different cocurricular activities.

Junior Kisoo Sung practiced tae kwon do and worked at his uncles's studio, Seong's Tae kwon do Academy. "I have earned many honors such as Assistant Instructor of the Month durning the two years that I have been taking lessons and working. I have won two first places at the Championship level. I have not yet made it to the State Championship, but I'm going to keep on working and try hard so that maybe I will make it next time. I also love to teach the children because they really look up to me," said Sung.

In addition to participating on the school gymnastics team, junior Lindsay McGhee excelled in gymnastics outside of school at Majik Saints Gymnastics. "Since my mom got me started when I was three, I've fallen in love with [gymnastics]. It's really rewarding when I finally get something that I have been working on for a long time because I know that I have accomplished something and gotten better," said McGhee.

Musically talented freshman Ryan Smith enjoyed having an activity to participate in outside of his regular school day. "For the past three years I have been taking piano lessons once a week and I practice twenty to fifteen minutes everyday. It's really fun to do something different that's not connected with school and I really enjoy Playing. I hope that this skill will come in handy in the future," said Smith.

Skateboarding not only serves as a hobby but also as an impressive talent. This talent is one in which junior Mark Lux has grown to excel.

Sporting her 60's style, Mechelle Davis gives an oral presentation in her English class. Although she doesn't normally dress like this, Davis didn't mind this one time.

Styles Revived

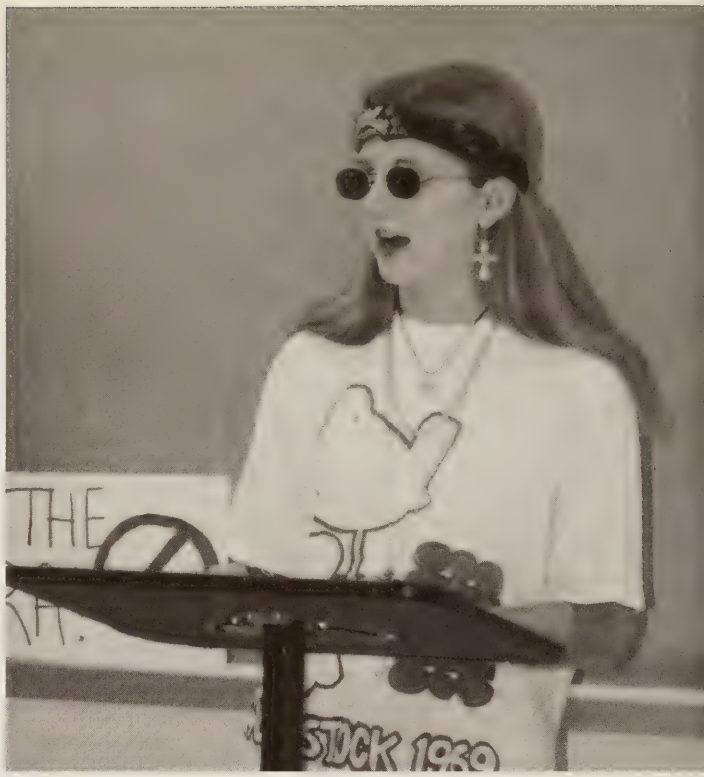
Clothing trends change from the corduroys to the flannels many styles came to the future from the past.

Blast from the past isn't just a day during spirit week anymore. The Salvation Army, Goodwill, and other thrift stores slowly made their way on to many students' hit lists as the styles from the past started to make a come back.

Corduroy, flannel, and polyester ranked top of the list, according to junior Tom O'Halloran. "I love to wear clothes from the 70's and 80's because they are so much more comfortable and they have more soul because [clothes from thrift stores] have been worn before and broken in," said O'Halloran. "The bigger the collar the better. If the collar goes onto your shoulder then you know it's a good shirt," added O'Halloran.

Stereotypes that follow many of these styles of clothing can sometimes be negative and caused problems for freshman Drew Otte. "I think it's cool to wear these types of clothes, but some people think it's weird. Some people think I'm on drugs, just because of the clothes I wear. Once a teacher stood outside my bathroom stall the whole time I was in there thinking I was going to smoke or something. I would never do anything like that and I don't understand why people would get that idea," said Otte.

Thrift store shopping was the only way to go for sophomore Rena Jones. "I love [thrift stores] because I love to wear clothes from the 70's. I wish I could have lived back then because the people then seemed to be more free and have more fun. I guess I was just born too late, and so wearing these kinds of clothes is way for me to experience a small part of what life was like back then," said Jones.



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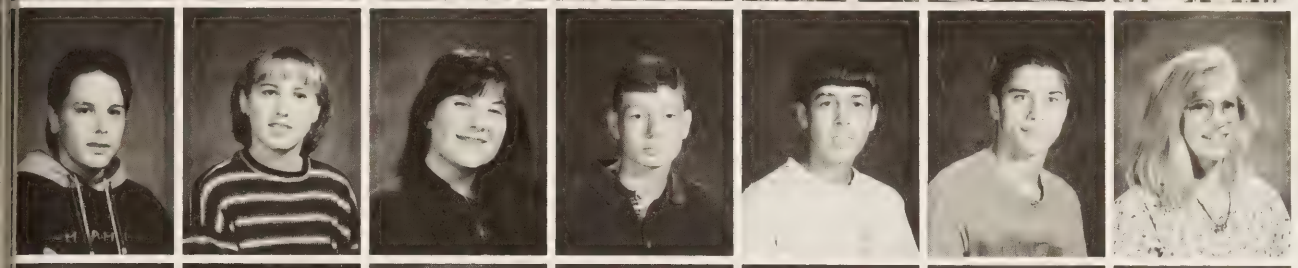

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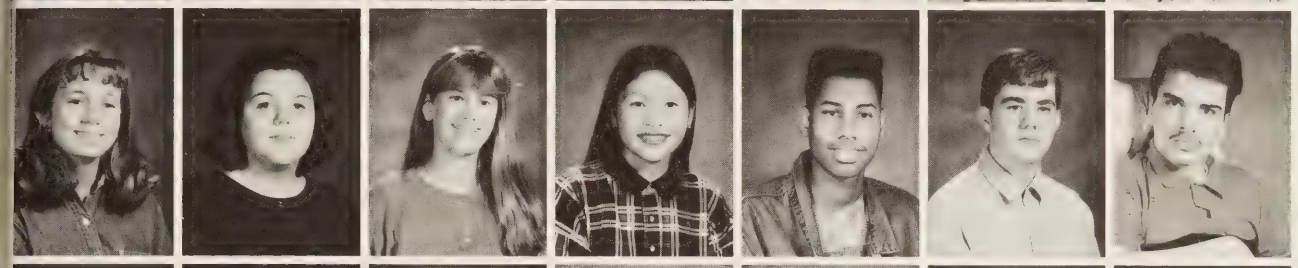

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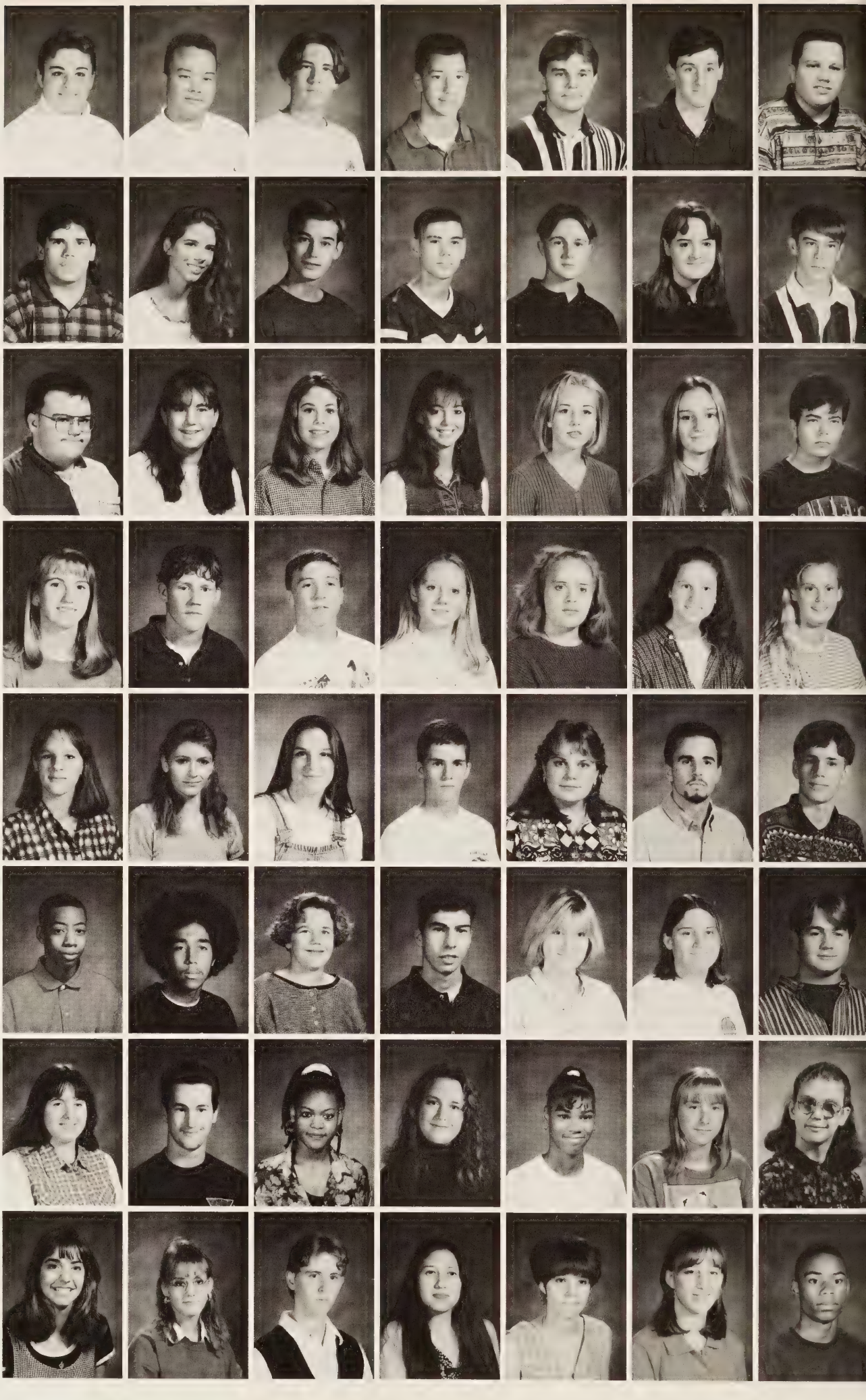

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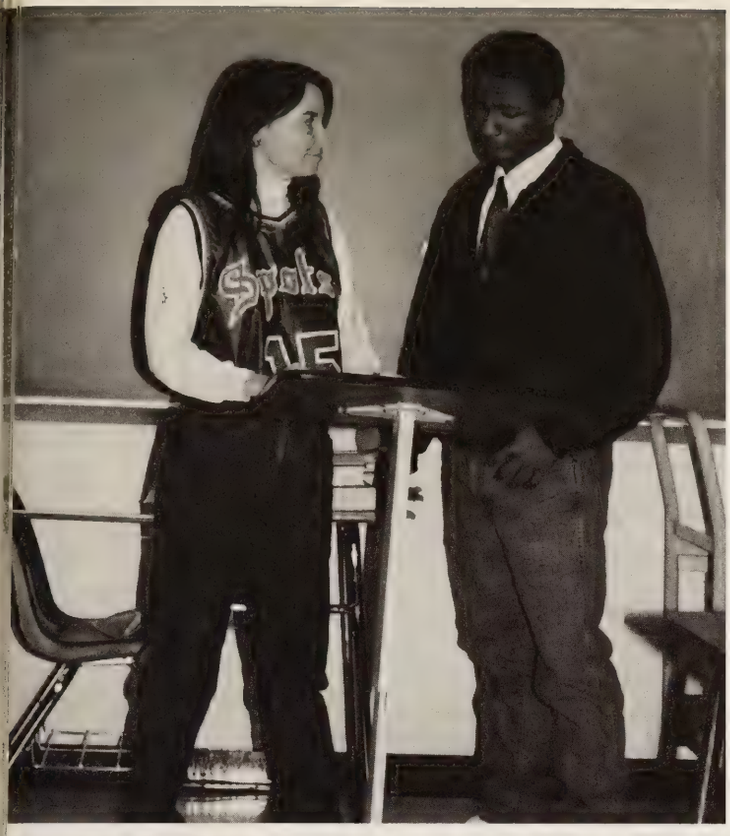


Maurico Ellis taalks to Mrs. Gebhart about his english grade for the six weeks. "Since she has been my teacher for two years she has become a good friend" Said Maurico. (photo by: Jason Johnson)

Positive Influence

Teachers help by giving advice **on** their problems and helping them become better **students.**

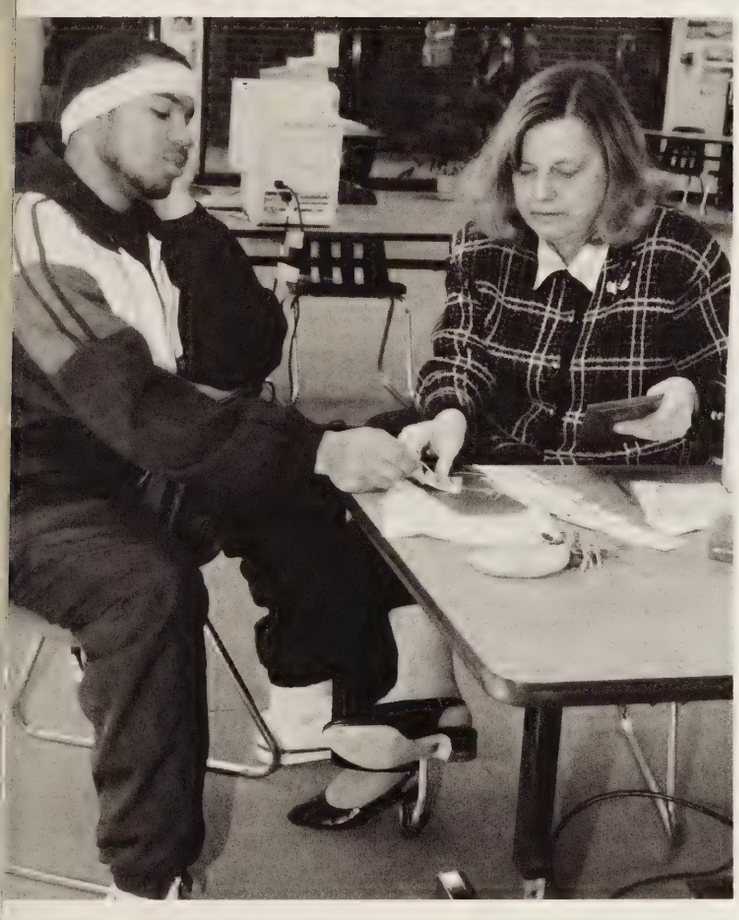
Helping out and reaching out by teachers can leave a lasting effect on students and their lives. Teachers truly made a difference in the lives of many students by acting as positive role models and taking the time to help them get through their high school years.

This year the Gold Apple Teacher Awards gave students the chance to show their appreciation to a teacher who was extremely special to them. "At a workshop we attended a principal from a high school in Tennessee gave us the idea for these awards. To nominate a teacher, students had to write out a form on why that teacher had made an influence on their lives. The teacher who was nominated received recognition on the announcements, was given a yellow apple, a card announcing their nomination, and a copy of the recommendation that the student wrote," said librarian Mrs. Todd.

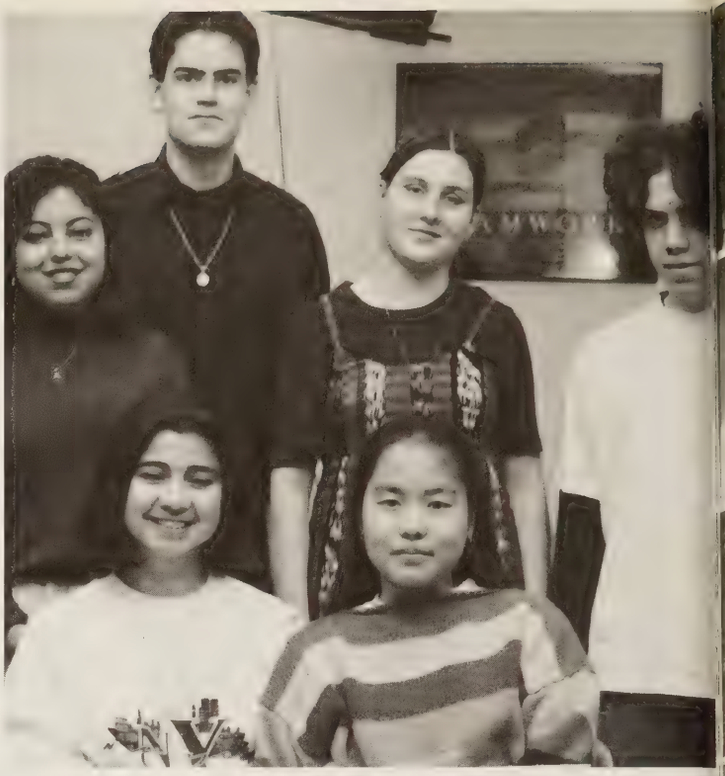
English teacher Mr. Wright made a lasting impression on junior Rachel Paxton during the Advanced English 10 class she was in last year. "He helped make English a fun subject by telling funning stories relating to the topic and so it made you want to pay attention," said Paxton. "Once he told our class about he a dream he had and half of our class had been in the dream. That made me fell like I was really involved in his life," added Paxton.

By encouraging her when she had problems both in and out of school, Government teacher Mrs. Washington was a positive influence on Marci Willard's life. "I like her class because she always has control over her class and there is never a dull moment. If you have bad grades, she helps you out and since she understands that many of her seniors have to work, she asks us which day we would prefer for her to schedule quizzes and tests," said Willard.

Freshman Nicole Holland favored Mrs. Pritchett because of her teaching style. "She really makes me able to understand the work she goes over. Her style of teaching is really great because we do labs and things to experience what we are learning instead of just doing book work all of the time," said Holland.



Senior Lee Watkins talks with Mrs. Ivan after their session of the Knightly News during B-lunch. "She made an impact on my life" says Lee. (photo by: Holly Doran.)



Foreign exchange students Balaz Kozik, Gellert Horvath, Ju-Hyon Seo, Angelica Castro, Anna Aroutiounova, and Barbara Simonova gather for a group picture (photo by Chenille Eason).

Foreign Students

From around the world **exchange** students came to our country to learn new things and teach us their **cultures.**

Freedom is a big difference between our school and the school senior Balazs Kozik attended in Hungary. "In Hungary I would not be allowed to wear my hair the way I do here. If I went to school with this hair in Hungary, the teachers would say bad things and ignore me," said Kozik. "Also in Hungary the better students go to the better high school, and the not so good students to the not so good high school. Here your school system is more equal. I wish I could stay here in America," said Kozik.

American schools were much easier than Korean schools, according to senior Julie Seo. "Education here is better because in Korea it is very hard and very competitive. They have many good students who study all day and everyone goes to college," said Seo.

Seo, who lived in a Korean city, said that many Americans have the misconception that Korea is the same as China. "Korea is many buildings, cars, people, and we have malls,too. It's very similar to this country, but the city is taller than it is wide," said Seo.

The school that senior Angelica Castro attended in Ecuador varied greatly from our school. "Instead of the students changing classrooms for different subjects, in Ecuador there is only one classroom and the teachers move and we just stay in the same room," said Castro.

Latin teacher Mrs. Susan Lee has hosted a variety of foreign exchange students in the past six years. "I am currently hosting Julie and Angelica who are my family's fifth and sixth year long exchange students. We also had one summer student from France," said Lee. Lee first became interested in the exchange program as a German teacher. "I wanted to be able to have information first-hand rather than just from textbooks about the different countries' culture and way of life for my students and family to learn," said Lee.

Understanding the English language has not been much of a problem, according to Seo. "In Korea we speak Korean, but also learn English for many years. In school we mostly read and write English, so it was difficult to speak and listen at first. Now I understand the language well and do not have many problems," said Seo.

Taking time out of her lunch shift, senior Jenna Kennedy tries to explain a difficult concept to fellow classmate Barbara Simonova. Since Simonva is a foreign exchange student, the wordings of some assignments are difficult for her to understand.(photo by: Chenille Eason)

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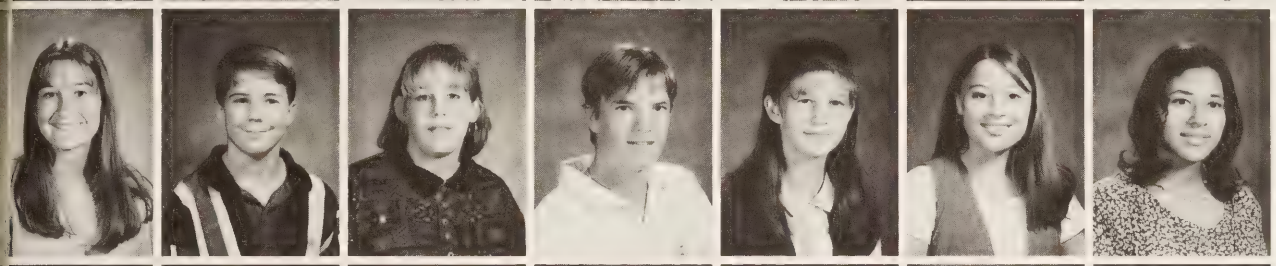

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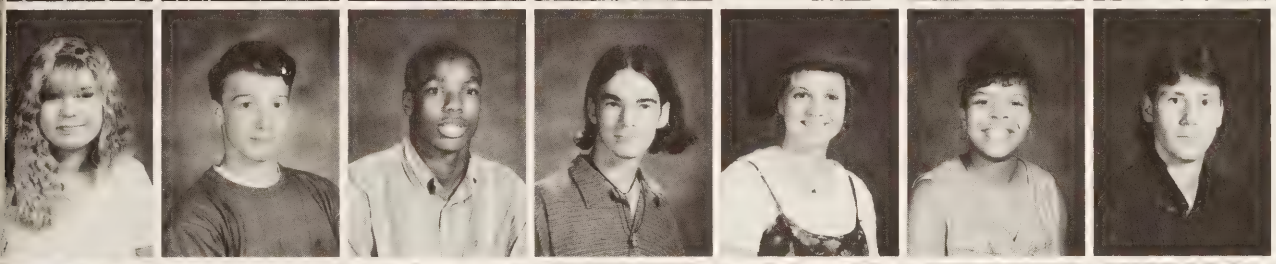

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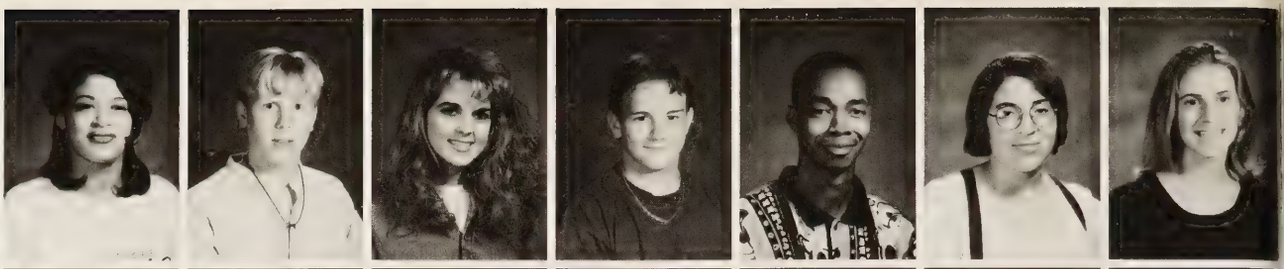

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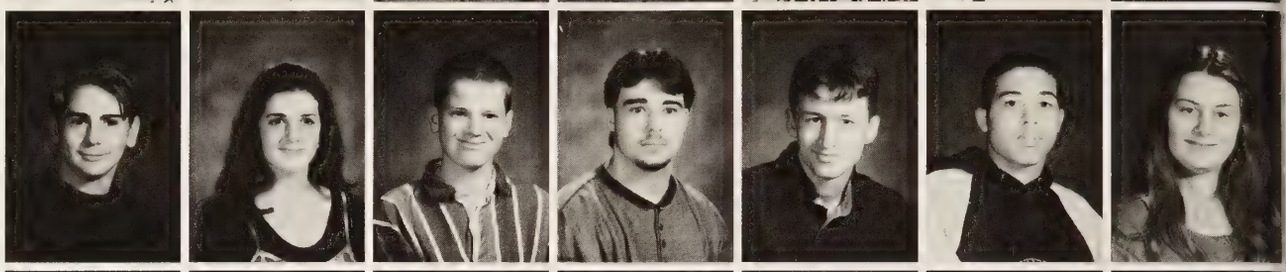

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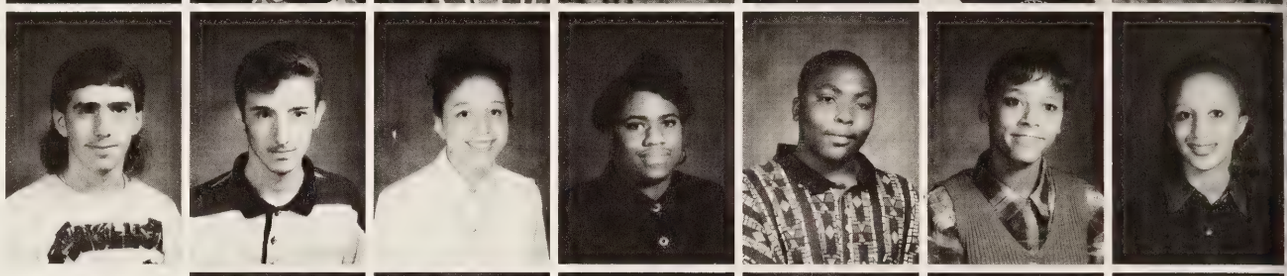

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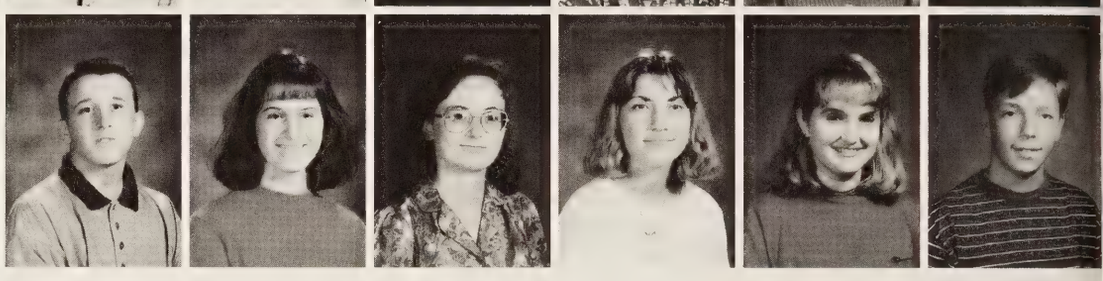

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After football victory, many students often went out to celebrate. This is a common cause for senior Mollie Smith to miss her curfew.

Endless Excuses

Sneaking in past curfew may allow you to stay out later, but what do you tell your parents?

And just what do you tell your parents? They might not appreciate one about sleepwalking or falling out the window, so what do you tell them when you come in past curfew? Teens should not need a set time on when they have to be home," senior Melanie Reaves said " But I suppose curfews are necessary because it cuts down on trouble teens get into in late hours." Reaves continued " When I miss my curfew I normally have a good reason and a good excuse, I say something like my boyfriend's dad was late picking me up," Reaves added.

While some might think curfews are a good idea, others might think they totally stink. " I don't like them," senior Christina Lucas said " Nor do I think they are necessary. Nothing happens when I break my curfew, I just tell my parents the party didn't end till late or the car broke down. When I break my curfew it's because I just don't have time to do things," Lucas added. " And no one really cares." Junior Kathy Jackson agreed, "They really aren't necessary for teenagers, but I don't think I have one anyway. But if I get in late I tell my parents the car broke down," said Jackson.

Some people think that while curfews are necessary for some there are others that don't need it, " I don't think they are necessary for me, but they are for some people I know, to keep them out of trouble," senior Ron Johnson said. " Sometimes I miss my curfew just to get into trouble." Sophomore Amy Byies thought that if your a " goody- goodie" you shouldn't have to keep a curfew, " We need them to keep children in order, I mean personally I feel that it's stupid people missing curfews," Byies said." I wouldn't risk missing my curfew and getting grounded just so I can go to a party to be with my boyfriend at a party" Byies added.

)espite a longing to spend time ogether, freshman Michael)unavant makes sure he is not a ninute late for his curfew when ie goes out with his girlfriend 'essica Brooks. (photo by Che- ille Eason)

It will always be Music to me

Music soothes the savage beast, and the average high school student. Music "plays" a big part in our lives. No matter what type of music it is, if it's good we'll play it.

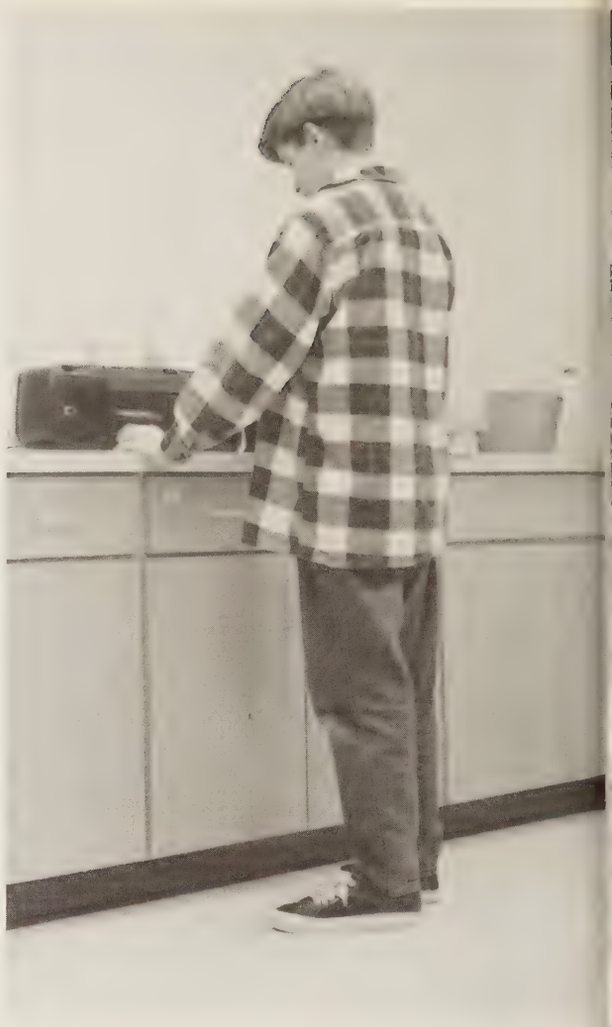
" I listen to only country ," said freshmen Betsy McLeod, " When a good song comes on, no matter where I am," McLeod continued " I feel like dancing."

> **" I like all types, or they just like them all."**
>
> **Danielle Tetting**

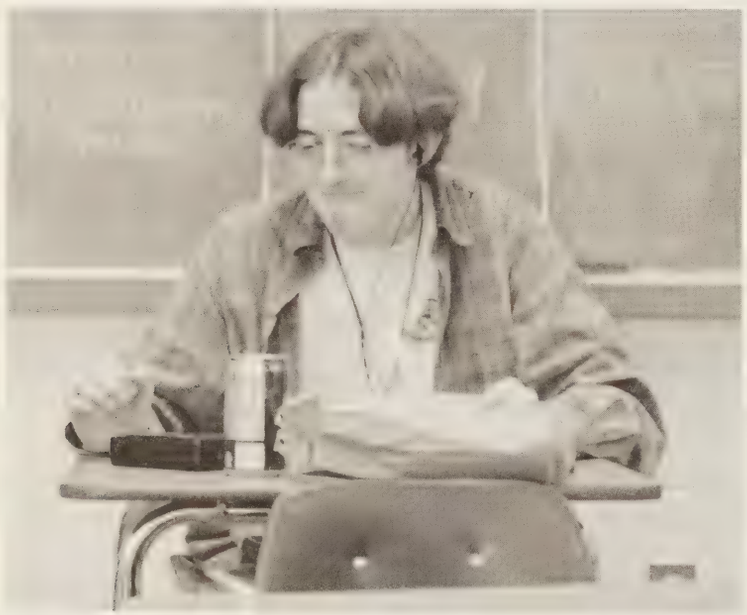
Music comes in all forms and people like one type, or they just like them all. Freshmen Brandy Lee said, " I like all types; I mean to me, music is music." Sophomore Danielle Tetting also said she liked all types of music, " Music is just there," Tetting said, " you listen to it, to me it doesn't matter what it is."

The type of music you listen to can make you feel a certain way. " I listen to Heavy Metal," sophomore Marc Guinn said, " and it makes me angry for the simple fact that it points out societies problems," Guinn continued, " and I do see them in everyday life."

Even the reason you listen to music varies as much as the music itself. Freshman Eryn Thomas said, " I listen to alternative [real loud], so I don't have to hear my sister's awful music." Freshman Geo Lagomarsino listens to R&B and Rap. " It makes me feel like a rebel [the reason is] my Dad doesn't like it."



In the Journalism room on his lunch shift, junior Ron Seidman stands in the back of the room trying to find a radio station sutable for him to listen to.(photo by: Holly Doran)



Junior Rick Ertal, while sitting in Mr. Bryd's room after school, listens to *"Smells like teen spirt"* by Nirvana. " Listening to music helps me unwind," Ertal explained. (photo by: Holly Doran)

Seniors Adam Luck, Jason Stone, and Mike Smith chill in the parking lot after school. These guys can often be seen here hanging out by Luck's truck listening to music. (photo by: Holly Doran)

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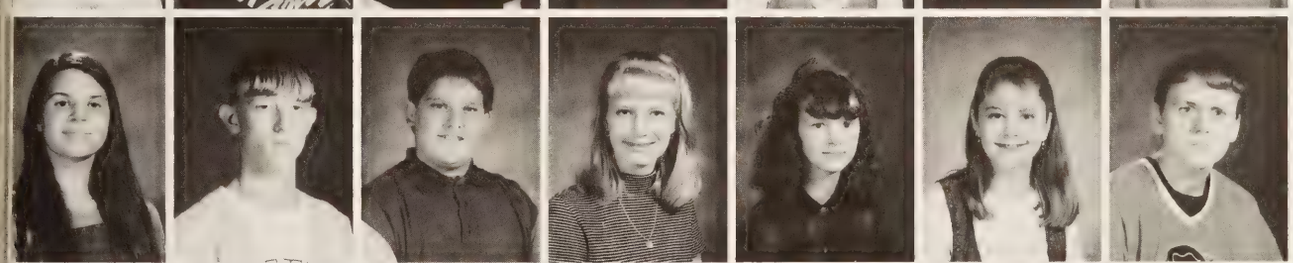

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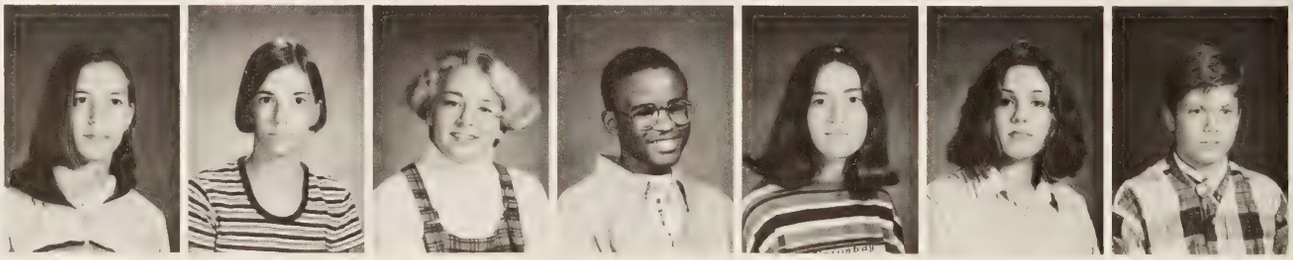

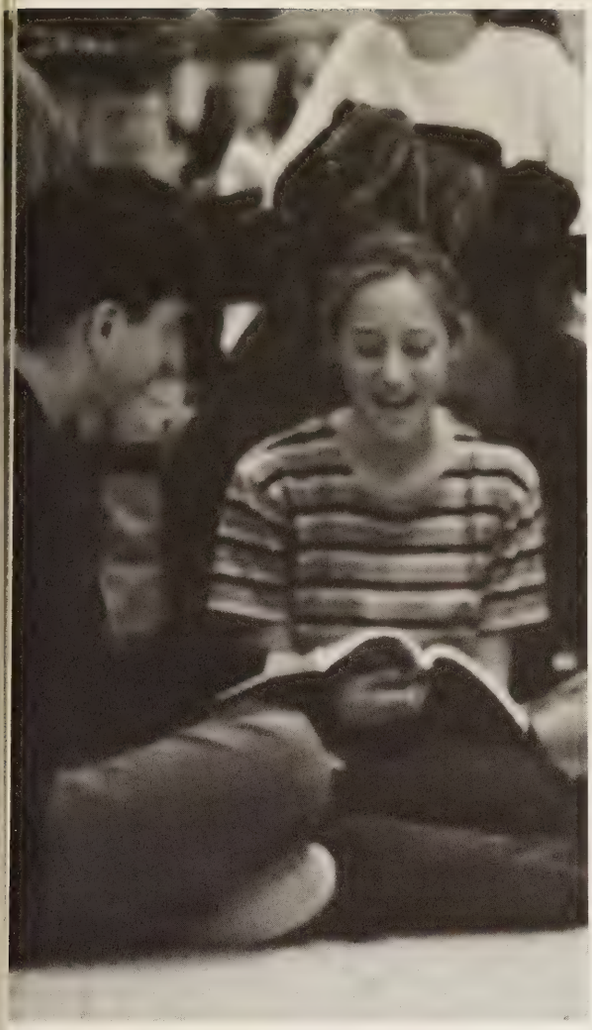

On the Road Even Earlier

Drivers start your engines, or at least prepare to start them. That's right it's permit time and as you remember you can now get it at age 15, for most people that's just in time for their Freshman year. "I think it's great (being able to get your permit at 15) I want to drive so much," freshman Jenny Crocker said. "I don't have mine yet, I took the test but I failed it. It was hard, I think I studied more for it than I do for tests and exams." Freshman Lisa Burdette agreed, " It gives you more time to learn to drive, when it's the old way you only get four months to really practice. I haven't gone for my permit yet, but I think the test will be hard." Burdette said "I'll probally have to take it more than once, hopefully no more than four times."

> **" If they let me on the road who knows who they would let on it,"**
>
> **- Stephanie Steinburg**

Getting your permit may be a time where spirits sore, but it could also be a time when nerves do too. Freshman Stephanie Stienberg felt a little scared , " If they let me on the road, who knows who'd they'd let on it." Steinberg said with a laugh. "And I'd be mature on the road at least."

With the topic of driving with or without parental supervision, the topic of maturity often goes with it. " I don't think I'm really mature enough," freshman Courtney Conanan said " I'll probally just go where I want to when I want to."

Helping junior Matt Sawyer quizzes sophomore Elizabeth Kurk for Driver's Ed. (photo by: Holly Doran)

Showing off his learner's to senior John Shannon sophomore George Lett is proud of his achievement. (photo by Holly Doran)

Only a freshman and showing off her learner's, Stephanie Cropp feels older then her other freshman freinds (photo by: Holly Duran)

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Fresh Starts For Freshman

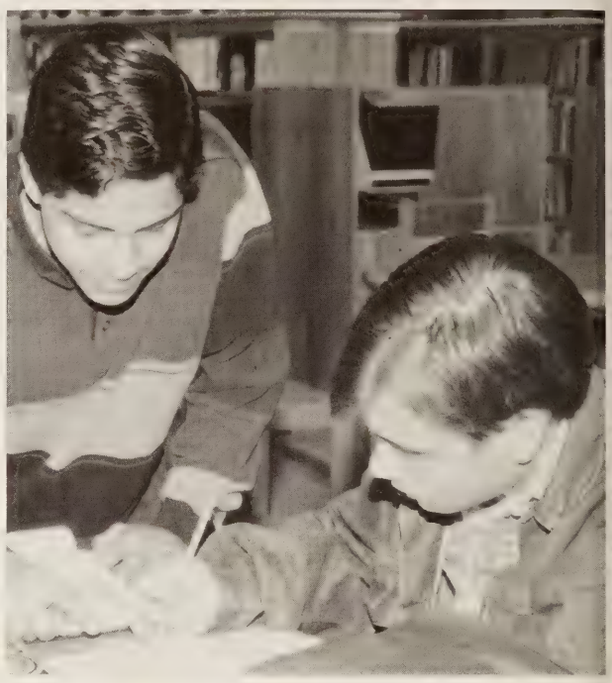
Math analysis, Advanced English 11, Advanced Chemistry, Biology II Seminar, and Spanish III made up sophomore Billy Stevick's class schedule this year. "More people could do it, they just don't allow it in school. The classes I am taking are more challenging, but I am not naturally smart or stupid they are just the grades I get because I work for them," said Stevick.

To solve this problem Science Department Mrs. Hallett has came up with a solution. "We are going to open up the program more. Starting next year any freshmen that took algebra I in the eighth grade will have the opportunity to take Advanced Biology in the ninth grade if they want to. We are doing this because of the large numbers of requests we have received and because of the increased number of science electives offered."

> "It allows you to go higher in whatever class will be a year behind and know a lot of people outside of your own grade."
>
> -Mara Fair

Sophomore Mara Fair took Advanced Chemistry because the schools she transferred from didn't require Earth Science. "It allows you to go higher in whatever class will be a year behind and you get to work with and know a lot of people outside your own grade level. It makes you work harder to keep up," added Fair.

Because many of the students now are meeting graduation requirements earlier, the students will now have time to take those electives everyone talks about taking but never has the time to.



The library was a place to catch up on missed work and to study for the next classes. Junior George Lindsay decides to help out his classmate. Even though he was an upperclassman he found time to help out his classmate. (photo by: Chenille Eason).

Algebra II is a difficult class and being a new person at school added to problems. Junior Heather Smithdeal decides to take time out and help one of these new students. (photo by: Chenille Eason).

While sitting in Algebra II class senior Angi Coleman decides to help out her fellow classmate sophomore Jennifer Faye with the homework assignment from the previous night (photo by: Chenille Eason)

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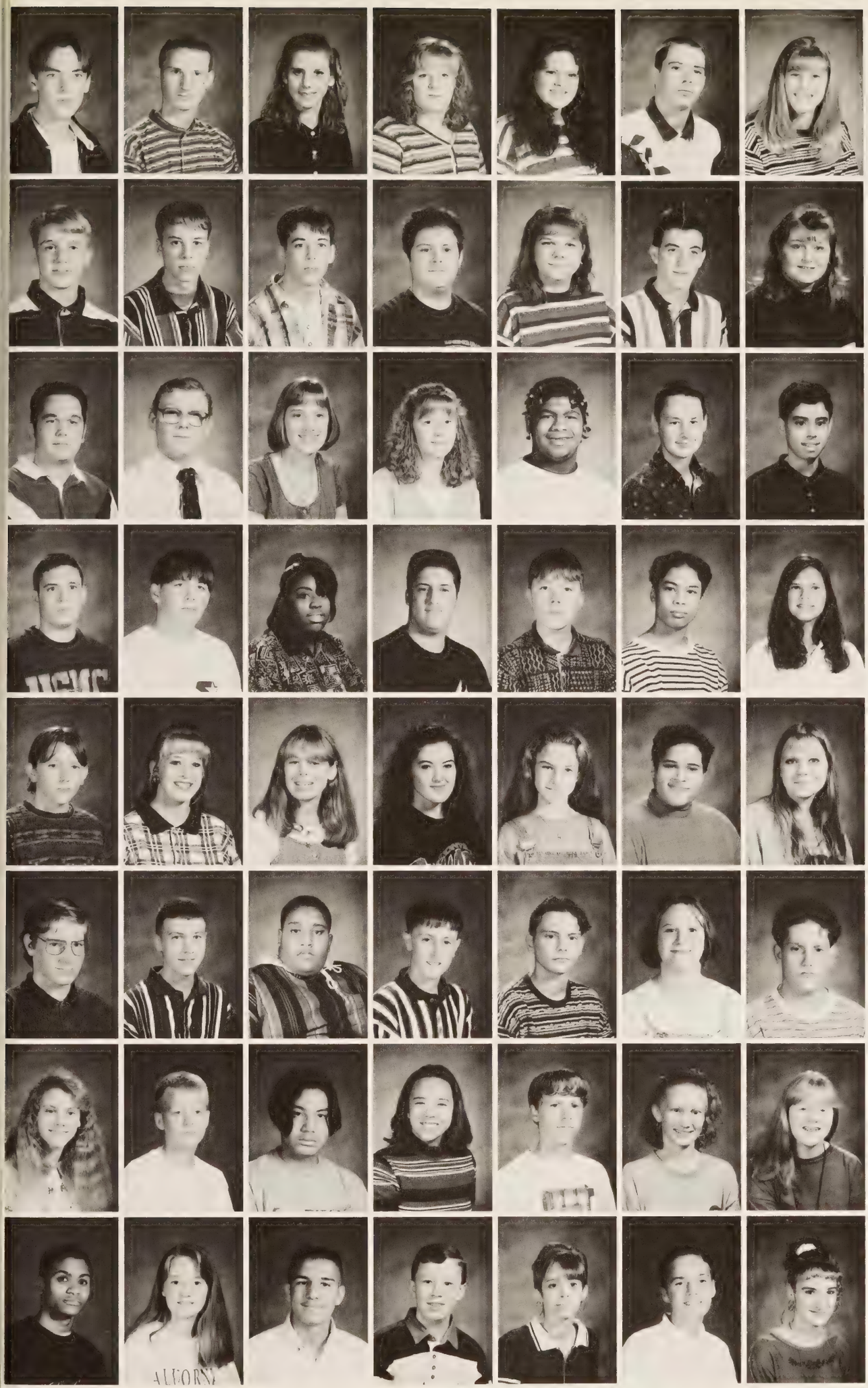

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The Big Cheese Wagon Adventures

Seven long hours is bad enough being in school. Imagine adding another hour and a half to the day, as if it wasn't long already. Well, some students don't have a choice. Because of their bus ride, their school day starts at 7:00 and ends at 3:00.

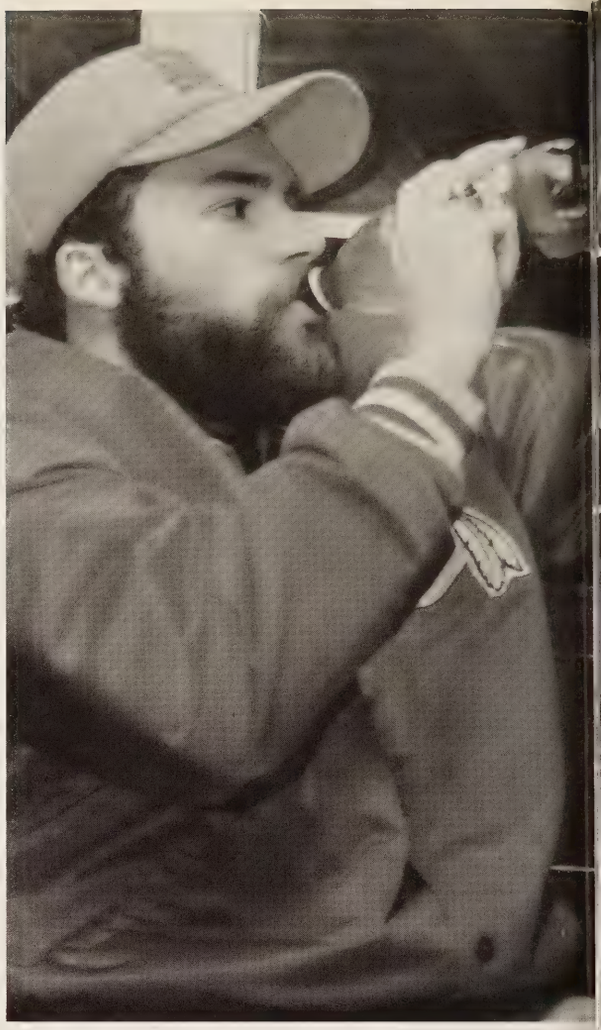
"My bus ride is so long and I can't stand it. It kind of goes faster when I talk to my friends or listen to my walkman, but when you're on the bus for forty-five minutes time doesn't really fly," said freshman Holly Samuels.

> "When you're on the bus for forty-five minutes, time doesn't really fly."
>
> -Holly Samuels

Passing the time with various things can make the ride a little more tolerable. "I'm on my bus for a half hour and when you're on a bus that feels like eternity. We all get bored and listen to this little stereo. Sometimes I bring my Gameboy and that keeps me occupied," freshman Sara Greene said.

Sacrifices have to be made when riding the bus, one of these is sleep. "I have to get up extra early to catch the bus at seven. When I'm there, all I do is sleep," said sophomore Angela Jones. Junior Kristen Southerland agreed.

"I wake up at 5:30 in the morning to catch my bus. There's no such thing as a half day for me because by the time I get home it feels like it's been a full day from being on the bus. " said Southerland. Southerland.



Fulfilling hunger is meant to take place at lunchtime. But when lunch was at 12:00 and your still on the bus at 3:30, it's hard to overcome the hunger pains. Junior Phillip Ventro takes a drink an the bus with him to subside his thirst.

Safety is very important when riding a school bus. Certain drills are required for students to practice throughout the year. Freshman Ed Buchanan tries out one of them. (photo by: Jason Johnson)

Studying is very time consuming. When some people are on the bus all they have is time. Sophomore Michael Lydon finds a quiet seat to study for his test for school. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

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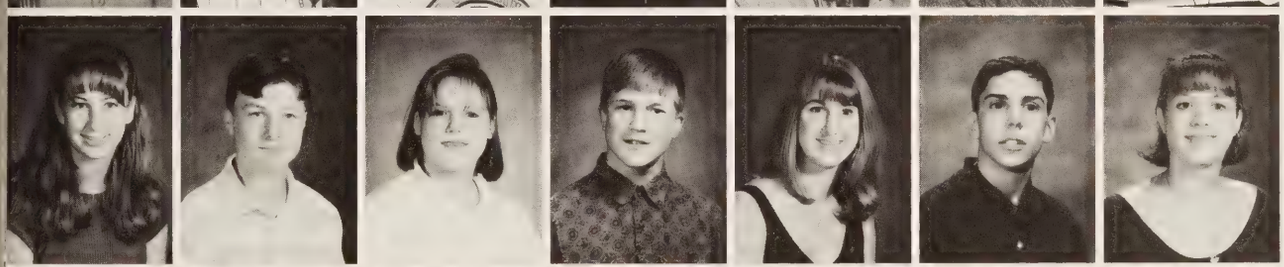

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Nothing But A South Paw

Difficult and different was what it took to be left-handed. We sometimes have to adjust to our differences and it's not always easy.

"Left-handed people are different from just about everybody. It's great," said senior Christy Morgan. "Left-handed people can get called 'Lefty',like me, and it's not wierd." Even though left-handed was different, it could also have been difficult. "Whenever I write the side of my hand gets ink all over it from my paper. It is so hard to finds scissors for left-handed people and it hurts to cut with right-handed scissors," continued Morgan. "Not only the scissors, but everyday I eat, a right-handed person's elbow hits mine," added Morgan.

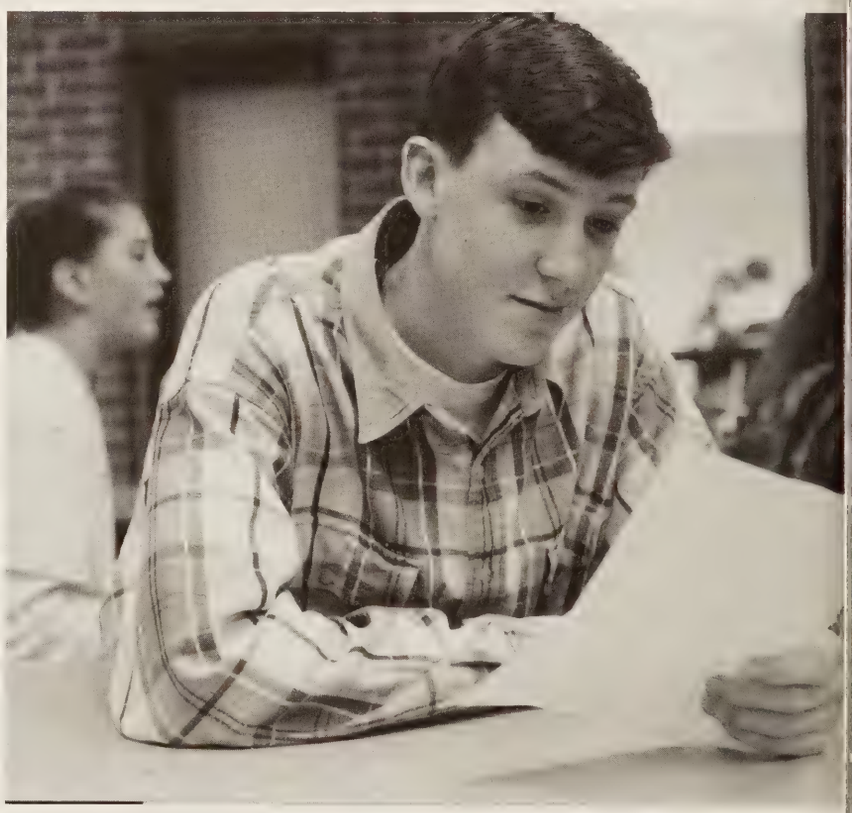
> "Left handed people are different from just about everybody else. It's great!"
>
> -Christy Morgan

Left-handed people had thier ups and downs just like anyone else. Writing seemed to be a difficult task for junior Heather Wickline. "When I'm at school, I have to write a lot of notes in my History class I always get ink on the side of my hand," said Wickline.

The left hand wasn't always the only hand to use. "I wear my watch on my right hand,people think that is weird because I am left handed," said junior Kara Robertson.

Having to be left handed includes many obstacles; writing, brushing you teeth, even drinking. During lunch junior Norah Fick unconciously uses her left hand to drink from her thermos, while chatting and giggling with her friends (Photo by: Holly Doran).

Before school senior Melissa Bristol sometimes does her homework. Some people think that it is odd when she writes with her left hand. (photo by: Holly Doran).



Reading his essay before school junior James Jett uses his left hand for everything (Photo by: Holly Doran).

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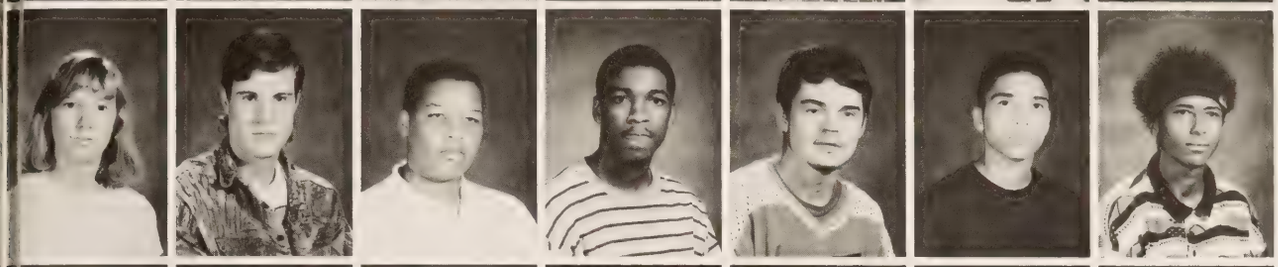

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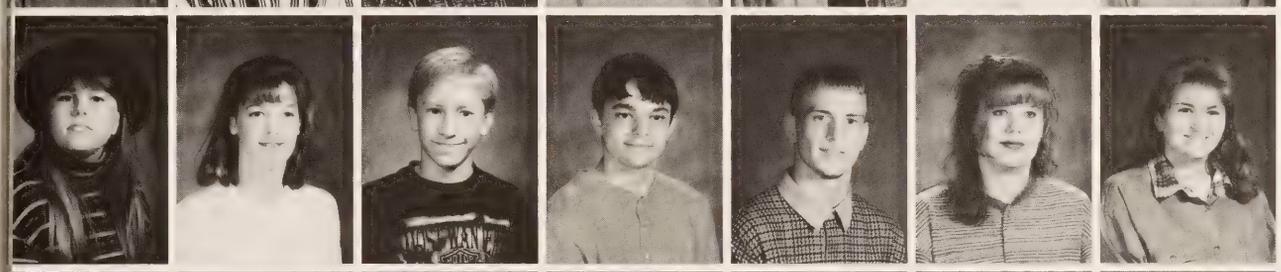

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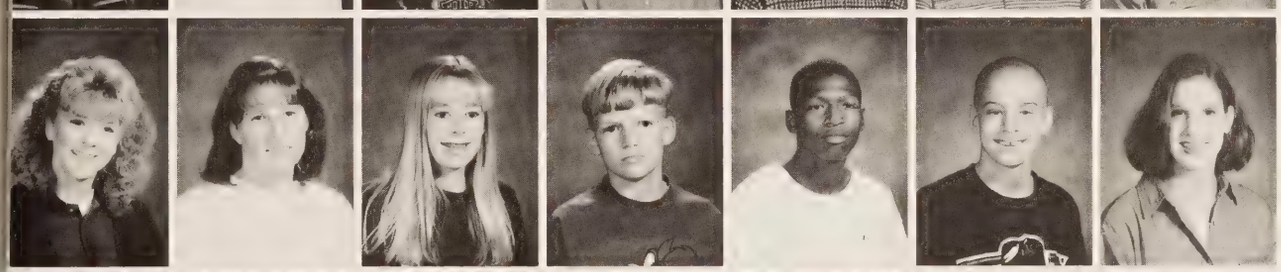

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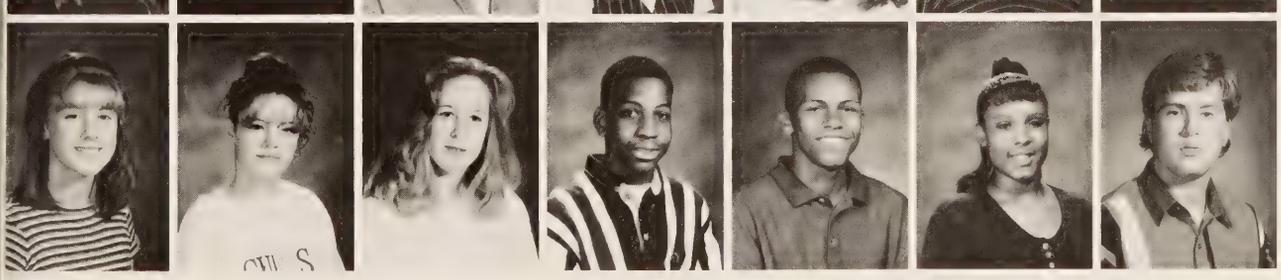

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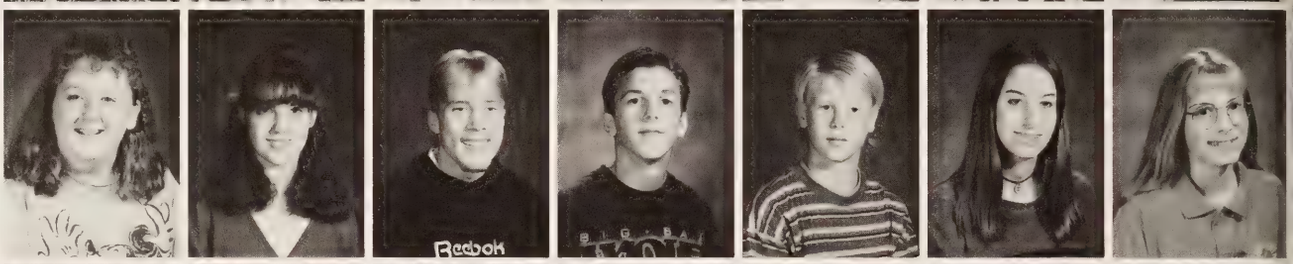

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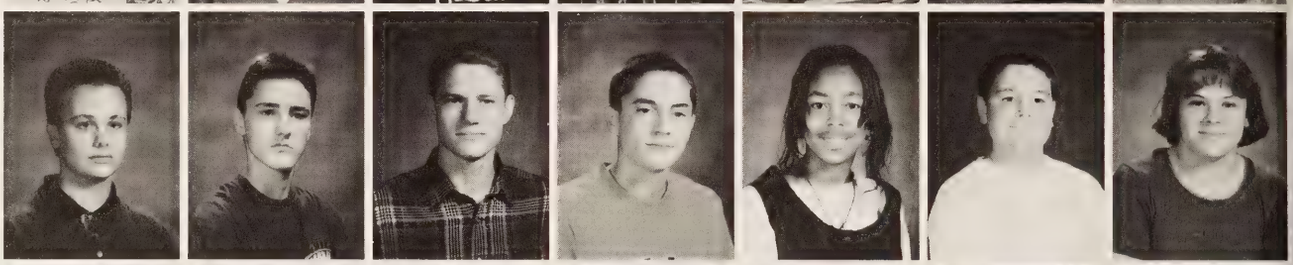

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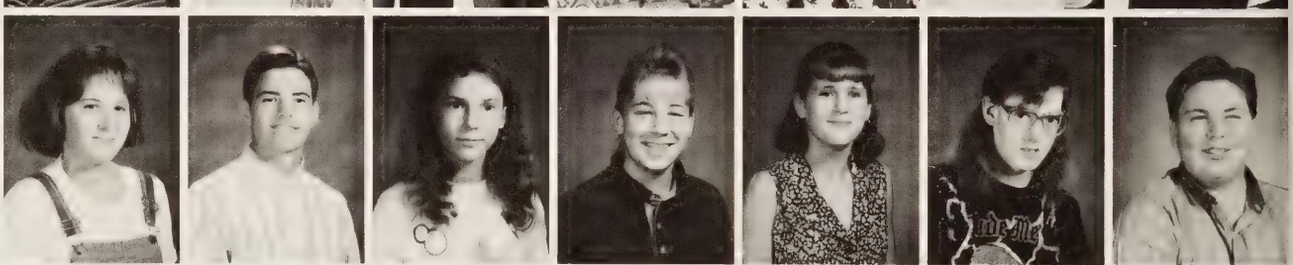

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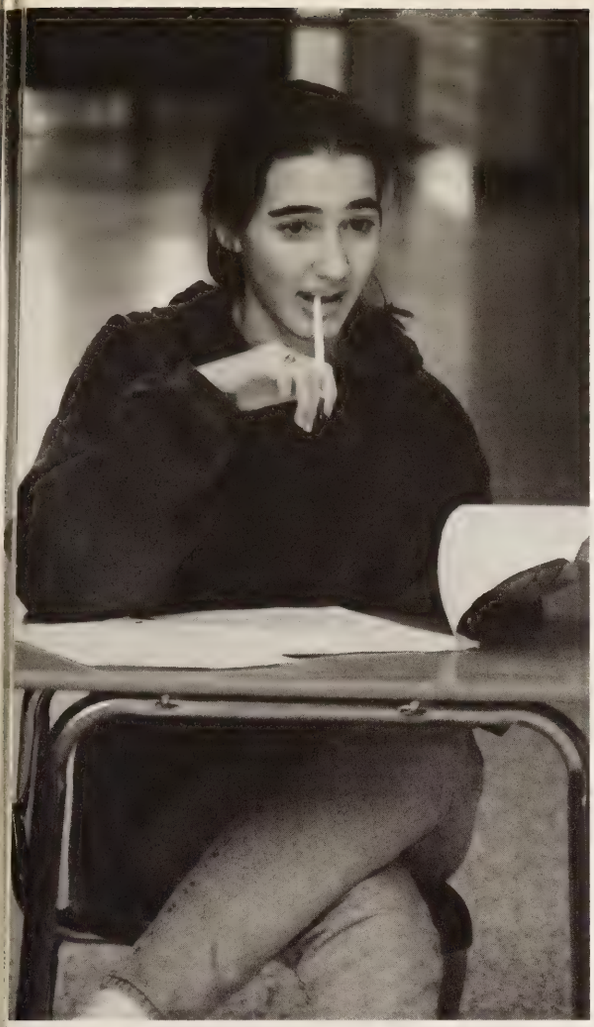


The Big Snow Storm Study

Frosty the Snowman didn't hurry on his way in time for exams to start on scheduled time. Due to an abundance of snow, students were left with their first full week back from Christmas and the "Blizzard of '96" as a exam review. Cramming for the exams took place not only at home but also in the classroom.

"I got really sick of looking out the window and only seeing snow for a whole week," said junior Kara Robertson. "I couldn't wait to get out of the house but coming back for exams wasn't what I had in mind," Robertson added.

"The snow didn't really affect me when it came to exams. I have a hard time getting motivated anyway."
-Andrew Frye

Often some students never want to take exams others just never feel ready. "The snow didn't really make much of difference to me when it came to exams. I have a hard time getting motivated for them anyway," junior Andrew Frye said and junior James Coleman agreed.

"I felt that I wasn't really prepared because I didn't really remember everything from before Christmas but I studied as much as I usually do. There was really no cramming on my part," Coleman said. Others felt that their whole week was taken up by studying. "I studied for all my classes the whole weekend before exams. I don't think the snow really affected my grades on exams, but I was really burned out afterwards from all the studying," freshman Kyle Martin said.

Due to the absence from school, senior Elizabeth Wartell works outside of her classroom to finish a review sheet that the rest of her class is going over.

Searching for mistakes in the school newspaper, senior Robbie Zahabi relaxes at his desk. Zahabi enjoys this class because it allows him to use creativity.

Staring in concentration, freshman Cathy Davison takes time to review for her Algebra exam.(photo by: Chenille Eason)

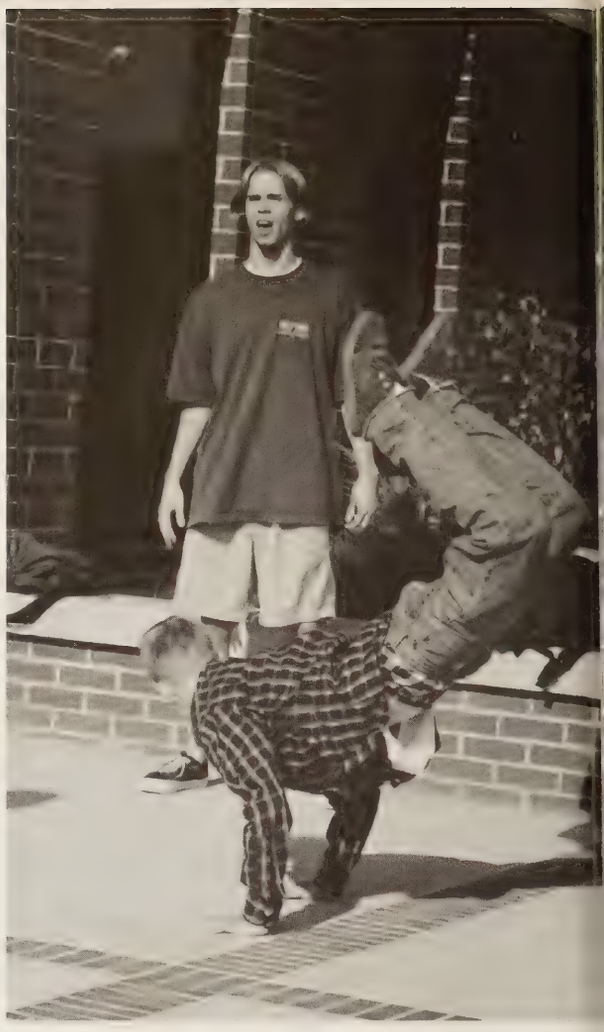
The Little Round Bag of Beans

Head, shoulders, knees,and toes knees and toes. As pre-schoolers, we pointed as we sang this popular song. Now these anatomy parts are used whenever a hacky sack is brought out. "A hacky sack is like a round bean bag, to play you have to have the perfect hacky; we always make sure we do," junior Loui Kartoudi said intensely. "I consider hacky sack a sport because it's physical yet very mental. You have to be in a certain state of mind to play," Kartoudi added.

> "You must become one with the hacky."
>
> -Ryan Smith

Circle of friends is the best way to play, stated Ryan Smith, a freshman. "My best friend, the hacky sack king, got me started. We're always in a circle and we all always have to be good friends when we play, it's like a big team," Smith said. He also verified that the hacky had to be perfect. "You have to become one with the hacky," he added.

The hacky sack king, as Smith refers to him, or better known as freshman Luke McCann learned everything about the hacky from his older brother. He agreed that it's definitely a sport. "Hacky sack is a lot like soccer, because you use your feet most of the time," McCann said.



Playing hacky sack often requires flexible movement of the player's bodies into unusual positions. After propelling the sack into the air with his foot, freshman Ryan Smith brings himself down from a handstand.(photo by: Heather Wickline)

In attempt to keep the hacky sack in the air and moving, junior Danny Case leaps high into the air. (photo by: Heather Wickline)

Trying to levitate the sack, junior Brad Benner, taps it gently. Junior Tammy Newton and Leroy George look on in amazement. (photo by: Jason Johnson)

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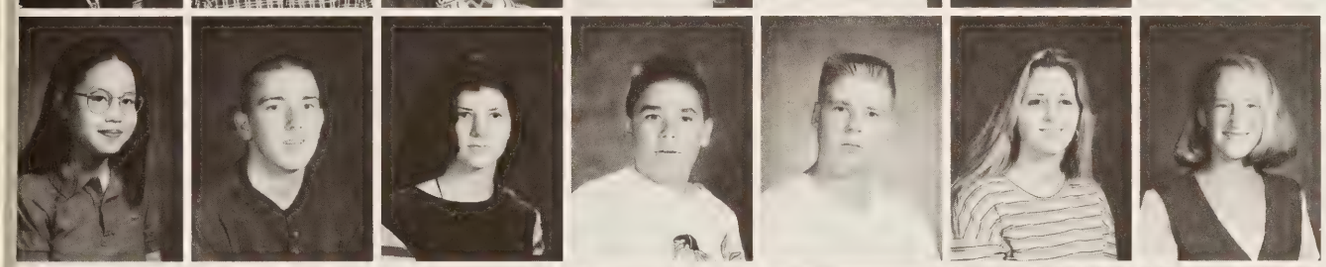

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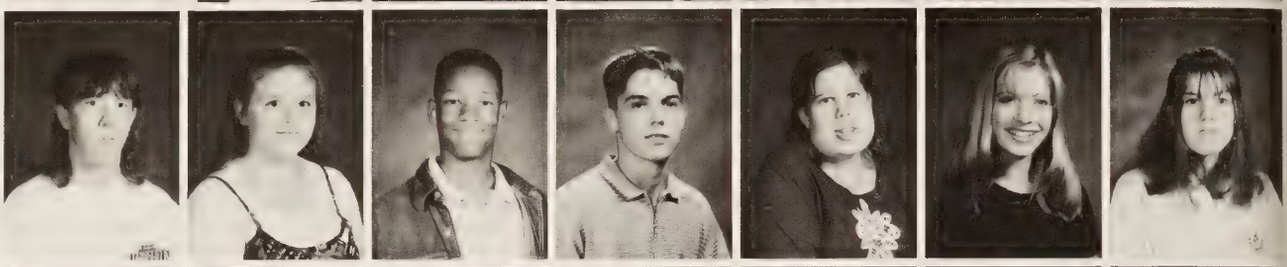

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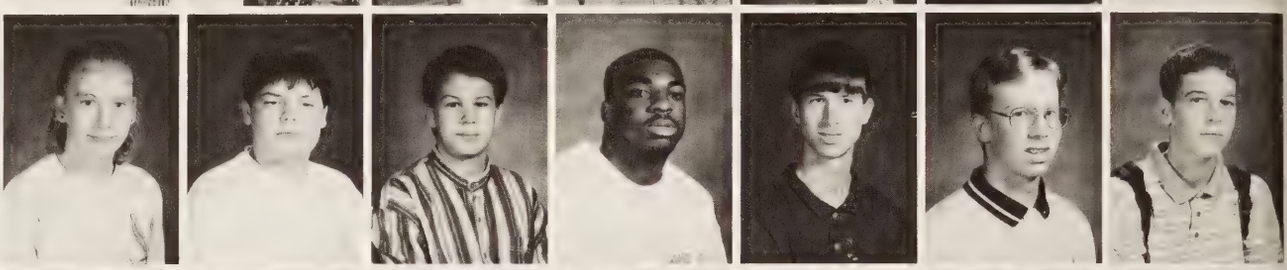

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May/December Relationships

Young. This is how some upperclassmen like their boyfriends and girlfriends. Whether or not it was maturity or popularity , it worked.

Freshman Nicole Vander-Hagan was dating junior Danny Case. "My mom loves him, I just can't go anywhere [with him], because I can't date until I'm 15," said Vander-Hagan. "Having Danny as a boyfriend, I get to know a lot more people," added Vander-Hagan.

Even with their two year age difference, it doesn't seem to make a difference in thier great relationship. Senior Alex Russell helps his girlfriend, freshman Jessica Wheeler with her math homework . (photo by:Chenille Eason)

Some parents didn't seem to have a problem with such relationships. "My parents think my relationship is great because age doesn't matter and he is a really nice guy," said junior Lisa Larimer, who was dating freshman Jason Drummond. "I guess the only real disadvantage is that Jason doesn't drive," Larimer added.

"My parents think my relationship is great because age doesn't matter."

- Lisa Larimer

When it came down to it, freshman Mike Crowe depended on his girlfriend to help him out with his homework. Crowe was dating sophomore Serena Carter. "Serena helps me out with my homework when ever I need a little help," said Crowe. "She's great," Crowe added.

Age doesn't play a role in senior Kalece Sprow and sophomore Sharron Byrd's relationship. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Kris Davis is two years older than his girlfriend Laticha Richeleau. Her parents don't really mind.(photo by: Chenille Eason)

Substitutes: An Understudy

Murder. That's what most kids think they can get away with when they have substitute teachers. But to our dismay, most of them won't stand for it. " I remember once," Linda Smith said " there was this really rowdy class and they were throwing paper. I was trying to help a student, and out of the corner of my eye I saw this really huge piece of paper coming at me," Smith continued " and I reached up and caught it. The class just got real quiet and stared at me."

> **" A student once stood up in front of the class and said he was possessed by the devil."**
>
> **-Grace Murphy**

Grace Murphy recalled her most memorable experience subbing: "A student stood up in class and said he was possessed by the devil."

Instead of driving the substitutes crazy, we should honor these people, not hope they are easy and allow the kids to do anything they want. Most of the substitutes have a very good reason for choosing to sub in the first place. " I'm thinking about becoming a teacher," Mr. Fillaire said. "And I like to be able to help people when and if I can." Smith's reason was her child." I wanted to have the same hours as my so, after he started school, and my background is teaching."

Some students, like Natalie "Buddy" Beasley, don't feel subs are an excuse to goof off. "I respect Mrs. Thomas because she treats us like her own."

Junior Melissa Coleman converses and laughs with substitute teacher Mr. Ahart when he subbed for her P.E. class. Coleman says " I wish he could substitute for all my classes; he's very funny and a good teacher." (Photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

Substitute teacher Mrs. Smith looks away from her newspaper to observe the odd actions of one of her students (Photo by: Chenille Eason)

Senior Heather Banks and her brother Ted chat with subsititute teacher Mr. Fillaire. They feel that relationships with teachers and other authority figures are important.(Photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

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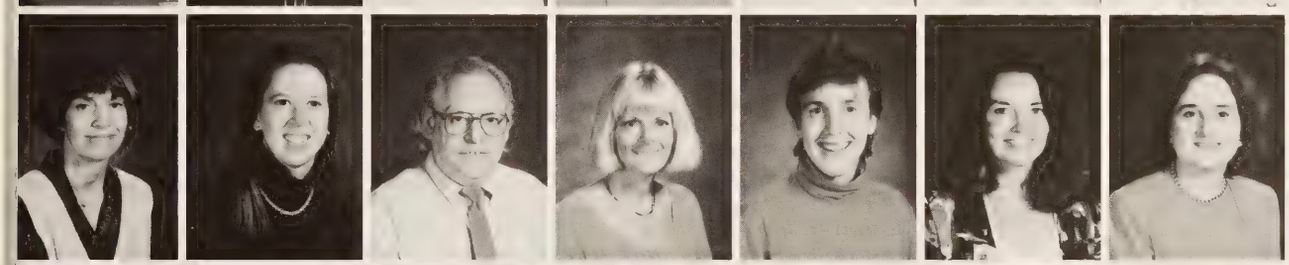

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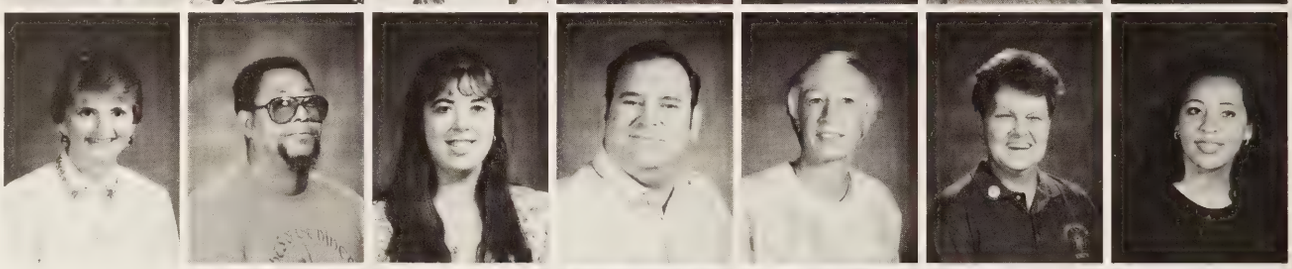

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The Good the Bad And the Clean

They come to school earlier than the teachers, in fact they even get to let them in and they just might hold our school together- they're the custodians. "The part I enjoy the most about my job here," Mr. Johnson said " Is severing others." Mr. Hevelou agreed that his favorite part of his job was helping and serving others, "I love my job here, I've been working here for 14 yrs, and I enjoy serving the teachers, the principals, and the kids. I love helping the kids." Gladus Jackson thought the highest point of her job was just being at the school.

As with everybody there's bound to be " memorable" experiences. " The most unusual thing I've ever done," Jackson said " Is removing toilet paper rolls from the camode." Douglas McNary said that the most unusual thing he's ever had to do is retrive the balls from the ceiling of the gym, " They get stuck in the rafters, when kids throw them up there. We have a machine though that goes up to make it easier to get them," McNary said " Some people don't like it, the heights and all, but I like it."

Hevelou said, " I don't feel taken for granted. I'm like a servent here. I go around and help the teachers, give money to the students when they need it, unlock doors. I enjoy that." Johnson basically agreed, "You just take the good with the bad and keep on going."

" I love my job here, I've been working here for 14 yrs, And I enjoy serving the teachers and the students,"

-Mr. Havelou

Thomas Johnson has been A janitor at Spotsy for a while. One of his duty's include mopping up our messes.(photo by: Ju'Rese Colon)

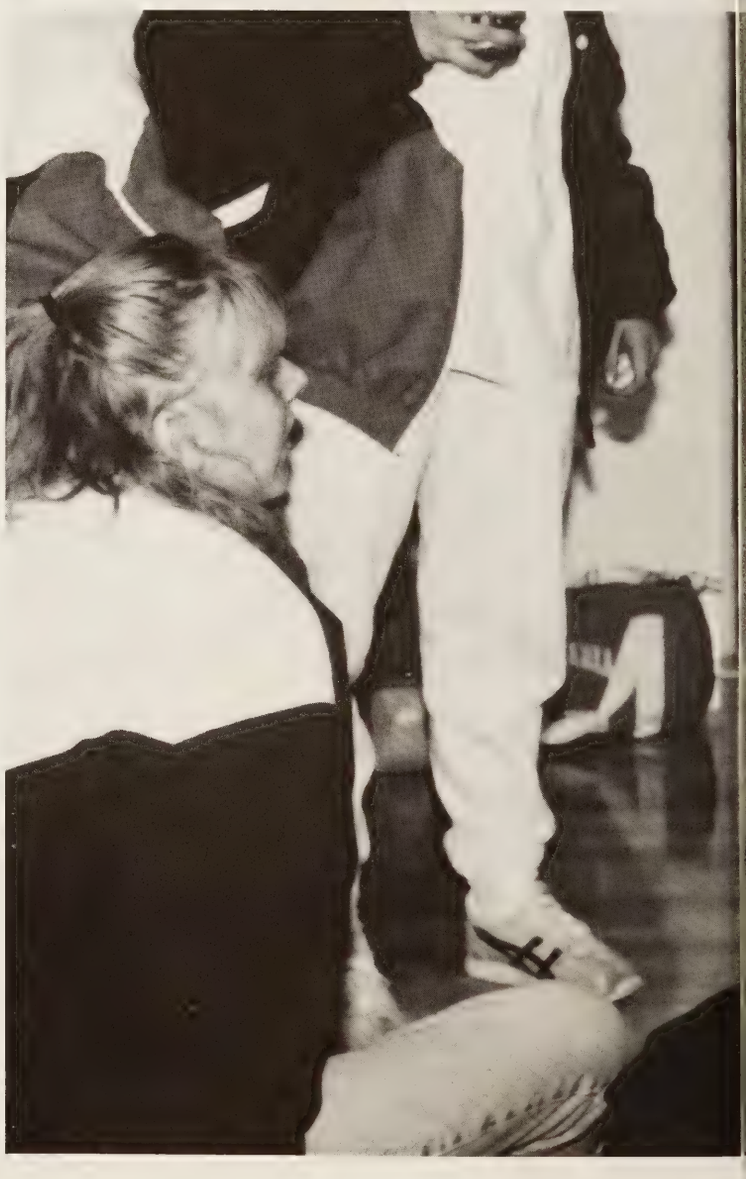
Each day, after each lunch shift, Mr. Johnson sweeps and mops the floors in the cafeteria.

The custodians find time to work on their equipment after school hours. Mr. Havellu is fixing the floor shampooer.

PIECING IT TOGETHER SHS

1996 Trail

Some pieces in the game were lost as old coaches left us but were quickly replaced with new ones, along with new teams, such as JV Girls' soccer. We had exceptional players who stood out statewide. Inclement weather made some games impossible, but we managed to make it to all of them. The girls' and boys' basketball team both made it to the play-offs. Certain gymnastics team members had an excellent season, not to mention the team. Through all our hard work and practice, we remember we're not just **Pieces of the Game**, *we're athletes full of heart pushing to our full extent.*



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Highlights of golf include holes in one and also fishing your balls out of the water. Here, sophomore Chris Mills has a little trouble finding his stray ball in the pond. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Dribbling the ball up and down the court can cause a lot of stress. Senior Kriste Gentry lets out all her frustrations while the girls' varsity basketball team huddles up during a game. (photo by: Holly Duran)

Positioned to perfection, junior Donald Harris jumps at the tri-meet at home competing in the long jump event. (photo by: Alex Russell)

Flexibility is not the only thing you need to participate in gymnastics. Keeping strength up by munching on a huge sandwich is senior Molly Smith strategy to a good meet.

Warming up before a game was very important. Junior Scott Smith loosened his arm by throwing a few practice pitches to his teammates. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

While concentrating on succesfully returning the ball to her opponent sophomore Lindsay Carr takes a step up to the ball to make sure her swing is just right.

After successfully hitting the ball to the outfield, Junior Jessica Bruce sprints to first base before the defense tags her out (photo by: Chenille Eason).

Before a soccer game at home, junior Melissa Edwards warms up. She and her teammates practicing kicking before every game. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

SPRING SPORTS

SPRING INTO THE ACTION

RED hot! The spring athletes were smoking the Battlefield District.

The baseball team began training in January. Through the long practices and weekends, however, the team pulled off a Battlefield District Championship title. After all of their hard work, the season came to an end after an upsetting loss in the regional semi-finals. "We are not giving up yet, there is always next year," said coach Notts.

Not only was the baseball team District champs, so was the boys track team. The May 13 meet at Chancellor High School was where the boys earned a first place. Which wasn't a surprise since they were undefeated during the regular season.

For the girls track participants, districts were a bit of a challenge. They only won three of their meets during the regular season. However, there were a couple of threats on the team for their opponents. Amanda Robinson threw shot and discus and was the only girl to advance to the state meet.

The boys' tennis team had a tough season. Most of the members were unexperienced. "We did good for rookies, we even won a few matches here and there," according to senior Lamphay Pokpank.The girls soccer team was still fairly new. They had just completed their second year as a team The regular seasonwas tough but, they managed to pull off a second place at a two day tournament win in Richmond.

Running the 110 hurdles at James Monroe High School Senior Crystal Brooks clears the hurdle. Brooks Placed second in the meet against James Monroe and King George. (photo by: Jennifer Richards)

SCORE BOX

Wins	Sport	Loses
05	Boys Soccer	07
03	Girls Soccer	10
11	Varsity Softball	07
16	J.V. Softball	01
01	Boys Tennis	09
01	Girls Tennis	09

"OUR J.V. SOFTBALL TEAM WORKED REALLY HARD,"
-CATHY PRITTCHETT

Practicing in the cold weather was not unusual for the boys soccer team. Junior Eric Motley practices kicking the ball into the goal for the game against Courtland. (photo by: Dominic Ross)

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COED GOLF

The Game Based On Your Swing

Alone on the green without any fans isn't very inspiring for a good game of golf. Lack of school spirit for golfers put a damper on their wins this season.

As a team, spirits may have been high, but no one else offered much support according to freshman Marshall Morgan. "Nobody came to any of our games, not my girlfriend, my sister, or even my parents. Only one person's mom came to any of our games the whole season," said Morgan. Junior John Filmeck agreed, "I guess it's kind of boring to sit outside for four hours and watch other people play ."

Not everyone was discouraged by the lack of attendance, freshman Angie Filmeck liked how laid back it made the team. "You have more fun than in other sports because everyone is more relaxed and not so nervous. I guess if we had a large audience then we would all be more nervous and that would change," said Angie Filmeck.

Despite it all, golfers still had a descent season. "I think the reason we did so much better this year than last year was because we cared more as a team," said John Filmeck. "We had a lot more people on the team, and I think that helped us because it makes you feel like there are people supporting you when you're playing. I still had a decent season." Filmeck won first place in the district meet with a low score of eighty.

First year player sophomore Pat Cushing was just glad to be on the team. " I don't really mind the lack of school spirit, just as long as I get to play.

Senior Chris Ross takes time out of his game to observe his fellow teammates. Being an avid golfer, Ross recognizes and appreciates the abilities of other golfers. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Coach McCulley often takes time to observe the stresses and weaknesses shown in his team. Here, McCulley relaxes in his golf cart while observing the golfer's techniques. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
369	COURTLAND	364
173	ESSEX	195
167	LOUSIA	187
167	PATRICK HENRY	194
188	CULPEPER	167
174	JAMES MONROE	197
172	COURTLAND	203
182	FAUQUIER	172
172	CHANCELLOR	173
199	KING GEORGE	168
207	ORANGE	182

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"ONCE I WENT TO TEE OFF AND HIT THE TEE INSTEAD OF THE BALL AND THE BALL JUST DROPPED."

-RICK GILMORE

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Junior Thomas Biller closely watches the ball that he had just driven across the green. A first year golfer, Biller enjoys playing golf and has had a successful season. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

After putting the ball, senior Chris Ross concentrates on following it's path. Watching the ball's progress is important in preparing for his next stroke. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Team Photo: (top) Rick Gilmore, Chris Millhone, David Prudom, Johnathan Deoppe, Steve Davis, Partrick Cushing, John Filmeck, Chris Ross, Coach McCauley (bottom) Angie Filmeck

Planning his next stroke, senior John Deoppe adjusts his hand position on the club. Good preparation of a golfer's shot often leads to a good execution and result .(photo by : Chenille Eason).

Racing toward the finish line together, team mates Joy Scheer and Heather Rumuly show both enthusiasm and fatigueThough running cross country requires individual effort, staying together in a race requires great confidence. (photo by:J.Richards)

Warming up is an important step in preparing for each meet. Here, senior Heather Rumuly lunges to stretch the muscles in her legs. Most of the team agree that stretching before the meet improves the strength of a runner and the overall results of the race. (photo by: Jennifer Richards)

Team Photo: (top) Chris Mills, Kara Shomberger, Melanie Edwards, Joy Scheer, Liz Kirk, Heather Morgan, Matt Clements (bottom) Coach Chris Koehler, Captain Heather Rumuly

Running at a cross-country meet during mid-season freshman Heather Morgan later went to States and placed 7th.

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CROSS COUNTRY

THE SPORT YOU DON'T PLAY

SMALL in size but big t heart, the cross-country eam runs full force to earn ne points, but unfortunately ney always come up short. o score at a cross-country neet there has to be at least ve people on the team. Our eam shows up with only four ut-going girls and one de-ermined guy. Two more girls, uniors Melanie Edwards and oy Scheer, join the team on veekend meets.

This season was not the irst year for a shortage of unners. "This is definitely a tep up from my freshman nd sophomore year when there was only two of us running," senior Heather Rumuly said. "Being small doesn't benefit us at all because we don't get team points, but we always have a lot of fun," Rumuly added.

But size isn't everything; there are other factors to consider. "Having a small team benefits us sometimes because we can really get to know each other better, and even though we are not big, we have a lot of team spirit," said sophomore Kara Shomberger.

Intimidating your opponent is a big thing to consider in every sport. "It's hard to look very competitive at big invitational meets because of our size, that's why Melanie and I decided to run. Even so, we all really have talent to go far," Joy Scheer, a junior said.

Then there are the individuals who aren't out there just for the team. Junior Matt Clements does it just because he likes it. "Running all by myself isn't that great. I do it because it keeps me in shape."

Stretching together, Heather Rumuly, Joy Scheer, Kara Shomberger, and Heather Morgan chat before their meet. Spending time together during these warm-up sessions has allowed many strong friendships to form within the team. (photo by: Jennifer Richards)

SCORE BOX

Girls	Opponent	Boys
5TH	CHANCELLOR INVITATIONAL	N/A
4TH	DISTRICT MEET	N/A

**note: In most meets the boys' and girls' teams did not have enough people to qualify as a team and therefore did not place as a team, although they did place individually.

"THIS SEASON WAS A BIG SHOCK TO ME, I NEVER KNEW IT COULD TURN OUT THIS WELL."
-HEATHER MORGAN

Traditionally before each cross-country meet, the members huddle together and pray for a goodrace. Here,Kara Shomberger, Joy Scheer, offer each other encouragement before the start of the race.(photo by: Jennifer Richards)

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J.V. FIELD HOCKEY

Team Spirit Goes A Long Way

The right attitude plus a few novice field hockey players added up to our J.V. Field Hockey team. Since there were only two returning sophomores and the rest of the team freshman plus (two eighth graders), their season was troublesome, but their team spirit was not. Freshman Jessica Landry said, " We're all friends, so it's easy to play a good game."

The J.V. team practices before their game at Chancellor High School. (photo by : Fellinger)

It seems that friendships ran deep on the team, and their friendships helped to build team spirit. Perhaps the lack of experience this year will help make the team stronger [next year]. " We'll have one year experience playing," said freshman Cathy Davison, "so we should be a lot stronger." Sophomore Kelly Lux agreed with Davison, "I think we'll be a better team," Lux continued, " because we'll have more teamwork, and we'll be used to each other and each other's abilities."

Although though this year's team only tasted the sweetness of victory once, there will still be plenty of memories for the girls. Lux said that the one victory that the team had would be her fondest memory. Christina Davison, twin sister to Cathy Davison, said that she'd always remember that same game against Orange but not for the victory, "I got to play Varsity the whole second half and I only got scored on once," Davison said.

Not everyone's memories are happy ones, though. "I'll never forget," Moore said "the time I had to sit on the bench and I ended up crying because I wanted to play."

Adjusting her shin guards goalie Chris Davison prepare s for the Chancellor game, while freshman Lauren Jones practices her swing. Meanwhile freshman Amanda Robertson watches them. (photo by: Fellinger)

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
0	JAMES MONROE	3
0	CHACELLOR	2
1	CULPEPPER	4
1	COURTLAND	2
2	ORANGE	1
1	KING GEORGE	5
1	CULPEPER	1
0	COURTLAND	2
0	JAMES MONROE	2
0	ORANGE	2
0	KING GEORGE	2
0	CHANCELLOR	0

" I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME THAT I GOT HIT IN THE EYE WITH A STICK WHEN I WAS PLAYING FOR VARSITY "

- JESSICA LANDRY

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Fine tuning her swing freshman Molly Moore practices before a home game . (photo by : Chenille Eason)

Coach Kane advises freshman Jessica Landry of the next play. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Team Photo: ROW ONE: Lauren Jonges, Captain Lisa Eggleston. **ROW 2:** Cathy Davison, Chris Davison, Jessica Landry, Kelly Leux, Molly Moore, Amanda Robertson, Sara Acors; **ROW 3:** Analisa Carlsson, Jessica Owens, Stephanie Bridges, Courtney Conanan, Jennifer Darnell, Marie Atkins, Amanda Rice, Coach Kane; **NOT PICTURED:** Amanda Czarnecki, Vanessa Dunlap

Just arriving at the Chancellor game, Team Captain Lisa Eggleston, sophomore Amanda Czarnecki, and freshman Jennifer Darnell walked off the field to stretch on the side line, so they don't pull any muscles during the game. (photo by: Stephenie Fellinger)

After completing an impressive play, juniors Joy Scheer and Kim Bridges slap their hands in satisfaction. Meanwhile junior Norah Fick observes as senior Jenny Jones perfects her drive.

Straining to hear what her field hockey coach is saying, junior Norah Fick stands on the sidelines.

Girls' Varsity Field Hockey. First Row: Erica Burge, Jenny Jones, Sarah Darnell, Jessica Taylor, Tanya Acors, Susan Darnell. Second **Row:** Gina Dunlap, Heather Mendelson, Norah Fick,, Dara Smith, Melissa Edwards, Joy Scheer, Felicia Lewis. **Third Row:** Natalie Beasley, Kimberly Bridges, Cara Robertson, Melanie Edwards, Jennifer Oliver, Barbara Dennis. Coach Norris.

Varsity players Regina Dunlap and Dara Smith joke around during the JV game after practicing on the sidelines.

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FIELD HOCKEY

THE GAME PLAYED WITH A STICK

LIGHTS shine on your face as you run down the field to score a goal, and the crowd watches to see your next action.

"I like playing under the lights," said Junior Norah Fick, "it is exciting and you feel like you are under the spotlight."

But they are not really spotlights. They are just the lights on the field that were turned on because of the time of the game.

This year the field hockey team received the chance to play some of their games under the lights on their field.

Junior Melanie Edwards added, "I like playing under the lights because it makes the game more exciting because no other school plays at night and that is cool."

Playing under the lights may be exciting, but there are some disadvantages of the big lights being on you. "I don't like playing late because when I get home it is starting to get dark and cold," said junior Melissa Edwards.

Teammate junior Joy Scheer agreed, "I don't like the games starting late because I get home late, and I don't have a lot of time to do my homework".

Not having time to do your homework is not the only problem some field hockey players have with playing at night. Junior Melanie Edwards has a problem with the lights themselves. "I don't like the lights because the glare gets in your eyes during the game, "said Edwards.

The lights blind the players at the worst of times. Playing, however, under the lights draws attention to the players and makes them feel like the stars that they are.

It is a tradition for the varsity field hockey team to gather before each game. The members discuss defensive strategies and techniques that will improve their game.

In an effort to regain control of the ball, junior Melanie Edwards tries to maneuver her stick into a better position than her opponent's. This technique is often used in defensive attempts.

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
0	JAMES MONROE	6
2	CHANCELLOR	3
1	CULPEPER	3
1	COURTLAND	1
1	ORANGE	2
6	CAROLINE	0
3	KING GEORGE	0
2	CULPEPER	0
0	COURTLAND	5
0	JAMES MONROE	5
7	CAROLINE	1
1	ORANGE	2
2	KING GEORGE	3
0	CHANCELLOR	3

"I LIKE PLAYING UNDER THE LIGHTS"

-NORAH FICK

layout by: Davina Miller

JV BASKETBALL

SHOOTING WITH YOUNG TALENT

Out with the old and in with the new. That was exactly what the JV basketball team was about this season. "Our team was young. Over half of the team were freshman. It was really hard since we had to learn how the plays worked and learn how to work with people we did not know," said freshman Rachael Edwards. "Our starters were mainly freshman, so next year we will be able to work better together," added Edwards.

There were three sophomores playing Varsity, which a made the JV team mainly freshman team. "Three of our players from last year were moved up," said sophomore Casey Knight. "It made things hard, because we were used to playing with them. The team had a lot to learn. It took a little while for the new ones to learn everything. I think the whole team did great," added Knight.

One benefit of having a young team was that inexperienced players were given the chance to play. "I liked the team being freshman. We all had a chance to show our talent and start," said freshman Megan Edwards. "Our team will be ready for next year." added Edwards.

"I think having a young team is good in a way and then it can be bad," said freshman Katie Cushing. "We had to take a little longer to learn the plays for offense and defense, but things worked out. Next year will be the best because we know the key parts of playing on the team together and we all know the defenses and the offenses so, things will not take as long for us to get started on our winning season," added Cushing.

Freshman Katie Cushing grabs the ball from a Culpeper opponent after the game she states, "She was a tall gal, but I'm taller."(photo by Holly Doran)

"I like playing defense because I can be really aggressive and I love the floor," said freshman Tina Lion after she blocked a Goochland Bulldog. (photo by Holly Doran)

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
13	COURTLAND	40
25	LOUISA	31
21	CULPEPER	25
38	CAROLINE	28
25	ORANGE	21
31	KING GEORGE	06
19	CHANCELLOR	39
39	JAMES MONROE	12
26	COURTLAND	39
23	LOUISA	39
26	CULPEPER	29
24	CAROLINE	27
25	ORANGE	37
20	KING GEORGE	09
27	CHANCELLOR	36
29	JAMES MONROE	08

"I LOVE PLAYING DEFENSE IT IS THE BEST PART OF THE WHOLE GAME."

-TINA LION

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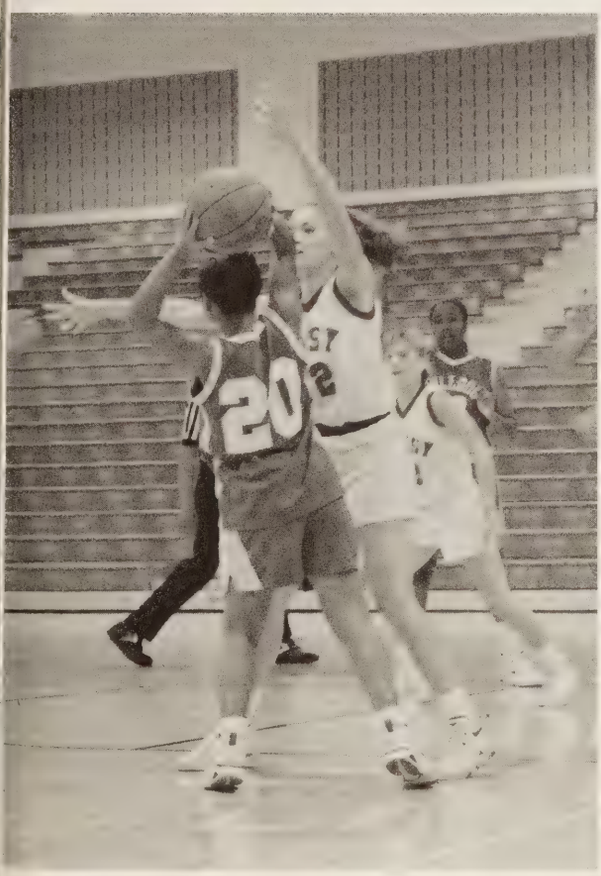
"This was a home game against Goochland. It was my favorite game because we were down by a lot of points and we came back as a team," said freshman Heidi Keener. (photo by Holly Doran)

"This was not an unusual sight after a victory. "Most of the players have a strong bond on and off the court," said sophomore Casey Knight.(photo by Holly Doran)

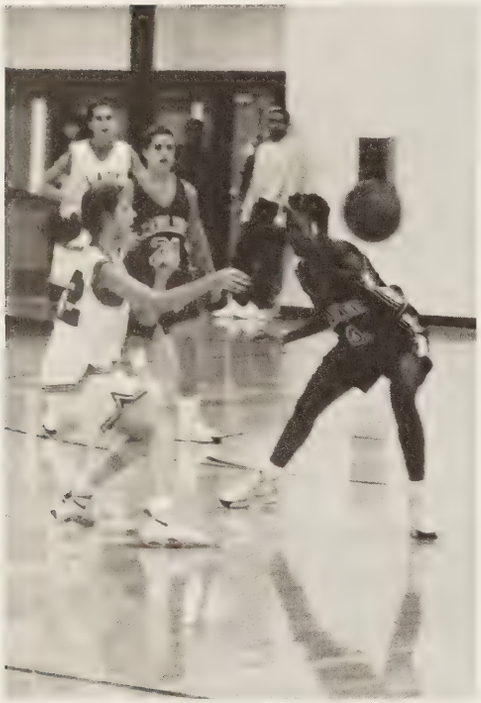


Team Photo: Front Row: Rachael Edwards, Amie Slingerland, Megan Edwards. **Middle Row:** Tina Lion, Heidi Keener, Genny Ivan, Ali Haney, Evante Talley. **Back Row:** Annie Ivan, Cleo Archie, Casey Knight, Tay Williams, Crystal Bowles, Claude Tyler (Coach).

"Defense was the main part of the game and coach says "If you do the little things the big things will take care of itself.(photo by Holly Doran)

"This was the best game to me all year although we struggled, we proved to ourselves that we could play good against Chancellor," says junior Katie Miller as she blocks Chancellor offense (photo by: Holly Doran).

"Even though this was a tough season we learned to stick together and always had fun," says senior Amber Knight as she passed to the point guard.(photo by: Holly Doran)



Team Photo: First Row: Amber Knight, Melinda Madison, Kriste Gentry, Serena Carter, Second Row: Mylene del Pilar, Katie Miller, Becca MI¡ller, Christy Morgan, Cathy Pritchett, Third Row: Coach Bill Libby, Coach Carolyn Libby, Kalece Sprow, Katy Stavinoha, Crystal Brooks, Kristen Hammond, Rachael Edwards, Coach Claude Tyler.

"I felt like the girls (Caroline) were tackling me every time I got the ball," says senior Christy Morgan after she passes the ball to her team mate. (photo by: Holly Doran)

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

SHOOTING THE HOOPS

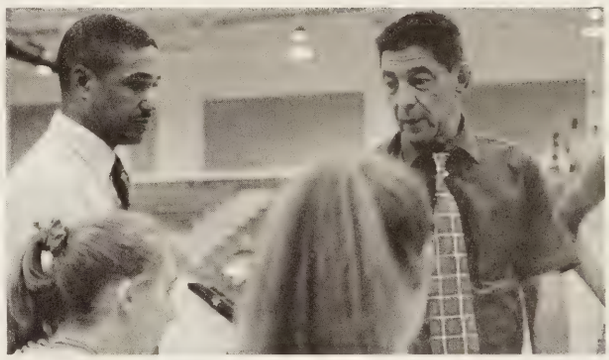
Young faces in old places. Girl's Basketball had many underclassmen players on the varsity team this year.

Sophomores Cathy Pritchett, Serena Carter, and Becca Miller all played on varsity this year instead of staying another year on the junior varsity team. Not only did the opportunity give the girls more experience, but it put a lot more pressure on them as well, according to Pritchett. "It was a lot more work and pressure than J.V. was," said Pritchett. "The only disadvantage was that I didn't get as much playing time as I would have on J.V."

Having a young team was beneficial according to senior Amber Knight. "It will make the team better for next year because they will already have some experience," said Knight.

Senior Kriste Gentry agreed. "The young athletes came forward and brought their talent. They showed leadership, even though they were young and new, which helped us through the season," said Gentry.

Starting on varsity as a junior Katie Miller shared some of the same pressures as the sophomores. "I had to give more effort to be able to start and to play with the older girls. This will give me more experience for next year, so it was worth the extra work," said KatieMiller. Becca Miller agreed. "It's more competitive and you have to think about what you are doing and so it's more mental than physical," said Becca Miller.

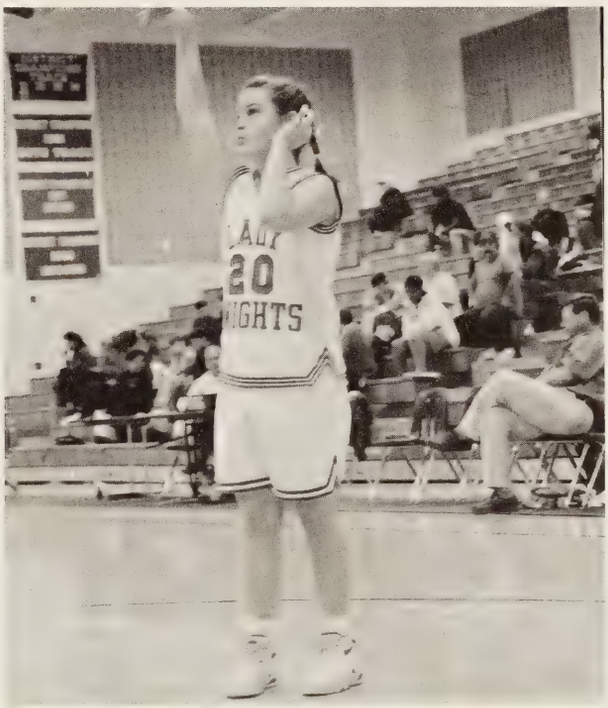


At the Courtland home game, Coach Bill Libby talks to his forward Becca Miller during a time cut in the 2nd half (photo by: holly Doran).

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
28	COURTLAND	67
28	LOUISA	78
21	CULPEPER	49
50	CAROLINE	35
36	ORANGE	41
48	KING GEORGE	39
25	CHANCELLOR	69
46	JAMES MONROE	29
33	COURTLAND	46
29	LOUISA	60
15	CULPEPER	43
72	CAROLINE	39
30	ORANGE	48
45	KING GEORGE	30
43	CHANCELLOR	49
50	JAMES MONROE	20

"EVEN WITH OUR LOSSES, WE STILL HAD GREAT TEAM SPIRIT."
-KATIE MILLER



"It's important to put your full effort into the game," states junior Melinda Madison after she makes the shot against Caroline. (photo by: holly Doran)

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CHEERLEADING

THE SPORT WITH SPIRIT

Sloppy wet ones didn't drown out the fall varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders. The games went by one after the other. The memories of crisp fall nights from last year were all forgotten this season. Spectators sat under umbrellas and blankets. Spirit and cheer did not however wilt away in the dampness.

"Since it was my first year cheering outside, it was hard to get used to, especially in all the rain. But I think we had a lot more fun, mostly laughing at each other since we looked like drowned rats," said senior Amy Porter.

Cheering in the rain for some, just was not the same. "It just wasn't as fun. The rain made us irratible. Don't get me wrong,we did have fun some of the time and it didn't rain every game, I just like to complain," junior Lindsay McGhee laughed.

Not only did the weather effect their appearance but also the way they felt. Just because it was raining cats and dogs didn't mean, they wanted to feel like one. "I know what a wet dog feels like now. We couldn't perform as well because we couldn't do the stunts we're used to. Everyone tends to goof off because they think it's free time," said senior Danielle Criste.

The junior varsity squad didn't have the rain pouring on them. Instead the temperature dropped leaving them chilled to the bone. "My fingers were so cold I couldn't snap or clap. I just had a hard time moving all together; it wasn't fun," said sophomore Kerrie Hunt.

"My face felt frozen,"said sophomore Kellie Mead.

Being a cheerleader meant spending many afternoons in the cafeteria working to perfect their routines. Here, Brooke McCormicke, Tina Goodman and Shannon Radford express their satisfaction as they demonstrate one of their more difficult stunts.

Practicing a routine for summer camp at Bridgewater, junior Mary Esancy strikes a pose with the rest of the cheerleading squad. Along with their traditional cheers, the cheerleaders added dancing to their routines.

QUOTE BOX

"IT WAS REALLY BAD CHEERING IN THE RAIN BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD COME. IT IS NOT THAT EASY CHEERING TO YOURSELF, IN FACT I HATE IT."
-MEGAN MILLS

"THE COLD MADE MY FINGERS NUMB AND SNAPPING AND CLAPPING WAS HARD TO DO. I LOVED TO JUMP, BUT IT WAS DIFFICULT WHEN IT WAS THAT CHILLY."
-STEPHANIE STEINBURG

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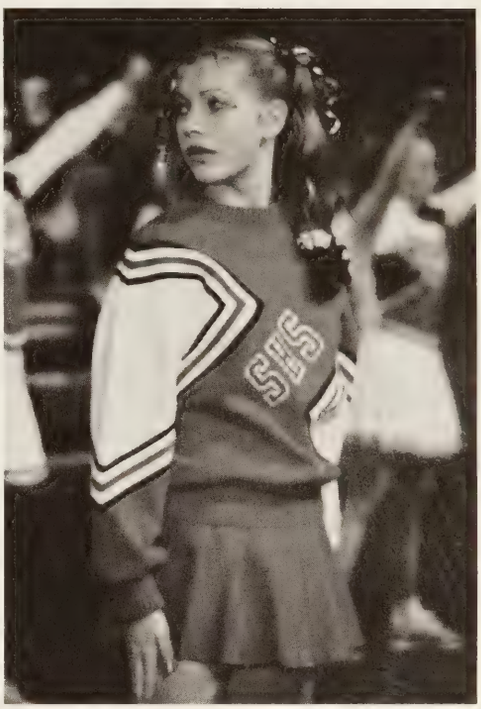
Perfecting a stunt is very important to a cheer. Erin Criste, Stephanie Steinburg, Robin Porter practice a stunt for the pep rally.

Preparing to begin a cheer, freshman Nicole Vander-Haage wore red, white, and blue ribbons in her hair to show her enthusiasim and team spirit at the game.



Team Photo: (top) Kerrie Hunt, Nicole Vander-Haag,Erin Rodney, Robin Porter (middle) Stephanie Steinburg, Marie Davis, Nicole Holland, Tina Goodman (bottom) Erin Criste, Brooke McCormick

Team photo: (top) Kellie Kulina, Mary Esancy, Sabrina Casarati, Amy Porter, Jennifer Turner (middle) Mary Anne Sorenson, Kim Morgan, Megan Mills, Lindsay McGhee, April Burress (bottom) Danielle Criste, Jene Tolson.

Coach Williams and J.V. football player JR Swerda look on as a teammate explains his play. (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

Practicing before a game, sophomore Tim Ashwell waits to receive the ball from a fellow teammate. (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

The JV football team gathers together to listen to the advice of their coach. (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

Sophomore Josh Turner goofs off with his teammates after a successful game. (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

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JV FOOTBALL

TACKLING WITH PRIDE

)UT standing and uccessful is what some may ay but working together as team helped the junior var- ity football team out on the ıost on their 0-0 season.

I think the season was suc- essful because of the oaches and the players play- ıg together. The coaches ıssed to keep us in line and) keep us focused on the ames which I think is one ig reason we played. But ıost of all we played as a eam," said sophomore harron Byrd.

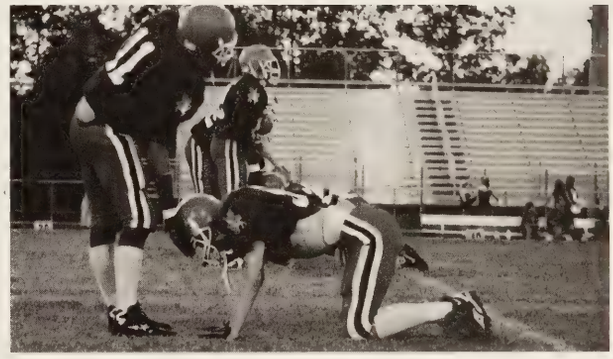
Freshman and teammate ohn Minor agreed with his eammate Byrd. "I think we had an outstanding year because everyone played well and as a team," said Minor.

Playing on the field and showing off your talent is not the only reason some get on the field nor is performing out there to take your opponent to their limits. Another reason for being on the field, the biggest reason, was to get out there and have fun. Having the crowd there to support you and motivating you to play your best was great.

"I had fun because the crowd was behind me every step I took," said Minor. "I had fun because I enjoy playing football and the crowd really got me going when they did come to support us," added Byrd.

All in all, preparing themselves for the field and becoming as close to thier fellow teammates as a family helped the team to be even more successful throughout thier season.

"It was fun because a group of people got together like a family and enjoyed themselves," said sophomore Thomas Johnson.



J.V football players help each other warm up before the game. (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

QUOTE BOX

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-SHARRON BYRD

Sophomore Joey Shannon recevies an encouraging word from coach Williams .(photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

layout by: Davina Miller

Senior Ryan Standard and sophomore David Anthes show the agression of the sport as they prepare to tackle an offensive player from the other team.

Attempting to catch his balance, senior Mike Arnold clutches the ball close to his chest, after tripping over an opposing team member.

While an opposing team member controls the ball, seniors Brain Higgins and Ryan Standard develop a strategy to block his play. (photo by: Alex Russel)

Standing by their man seniors Ryan Standard and Wes Coleman rush in to back up his tackle. It's important for the team members to work together so even if they lose the game the know they are still winners in their hearts.

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FOOTBALL

THE GAME OF TACKLES

MOVING on nd leaving an open space. Vith all of the seniors gone om the year before, it left a ot of room for new players on ne varsity football team.

I felt we lost a big part of the eam, "said senior Maurico llis who also was a player ast year. "But I also thought gave a lot of people a chance o step up," added Ellis.

Even though many thought the team would suffer because of the large amount of seniors last year that would need to be replaced, junior Hunter Choate thought the young players on the team really helped out.

"I think we had a bigger turn out then we ever had," said Choate, "a lot of the young talent helped and really added to the team," He added.

Although Choate thought the young players helped out for the season, teammate, sophomore Joey Coleman had a different perspective. "I think by having a young team we had a rough start," said Coleman, "but we will have a lot of experienced players to help out for next year's season."

Surrounded by members of the rival team, sophomore Alonszo Woofolk plans his next move in order to maintain control of the ball.

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
0	BROOKE POINT	14
20	KING WILLIAM	6
14	LOUISA	7
7	CAROLINE	0
14	CHANCELLOR	9
0	COURTLAND	23
13	CULPEPER	20
6	ORANGE	7
6	KING GEORGE	28
6	JAMES MONROE	35

" I THINK WE HAD A BIGGER TURN OUT THEN WE EVER HAD. A LOT OF THE YOUNG TALENT HELPED AND REALLY ADDED TO THE TEAM."

--HUNTER CHOATE

Escaping the clutches of a player from the opposing team, varsity football player, Maurico Ellis soars out of the oponent's grip, then across the field. (photo by: Alex Russel)

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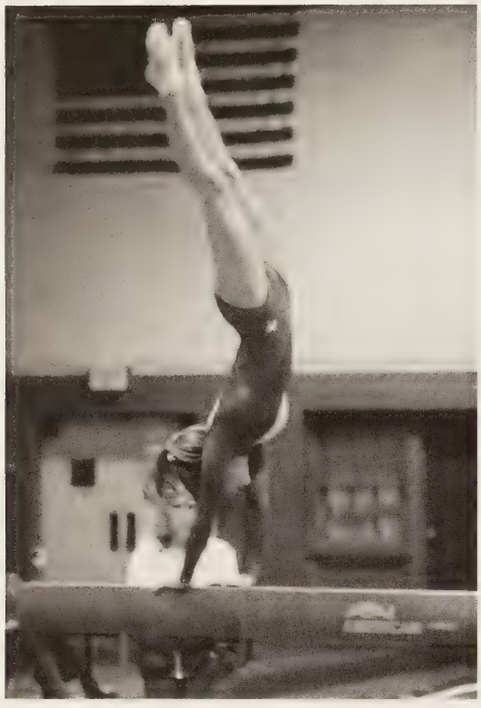
Scoring points for her team sophormore Mary Ann Sorenson does a very complicated floor routine. This was one of the routines that impressed the judges at the regional meet.

Junior Lindsay McGhee does a challenging hand stand during the regional meet. This stunt shows her extraodinary talent.



Senior Mollie Smith has no problem with floor exercises. She gracefully glides through the air finishing off her part of the competion.

Team Photo: Row 1; Coach Norris, Stephanie Steinburg, Goevanna Lagomansino, Dara Smith. Row 2; Alyson Smith, Shannon Radford, Coach Snellings. Row 3; Rena Jones, Mary Ann Sorenson, Laura George. Row 4; Mollie Smith, Lindsay McGhee.

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GYMNASTICS

LEAPS AND BOUNDS ABOVE THE REST

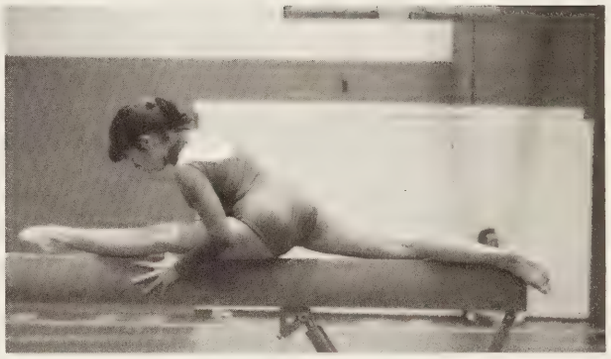
FLY high, walk straight and don't look down, a gymnast's credo. Belonging to the girls gymnastics team allows members to soar through the air, walk on the edge, and compete with rival schools.

" We go to various schools," sophomore Mary Ann Sorenson said, " Like Turner Ashbey, Parkview, and Harrisonburg. We go about once a week. However, most of our meets this year were homes ones." Senior Mollie Smith added, " We go to the other schools in our district but also to the ones [outside district meets] we get invitations from."

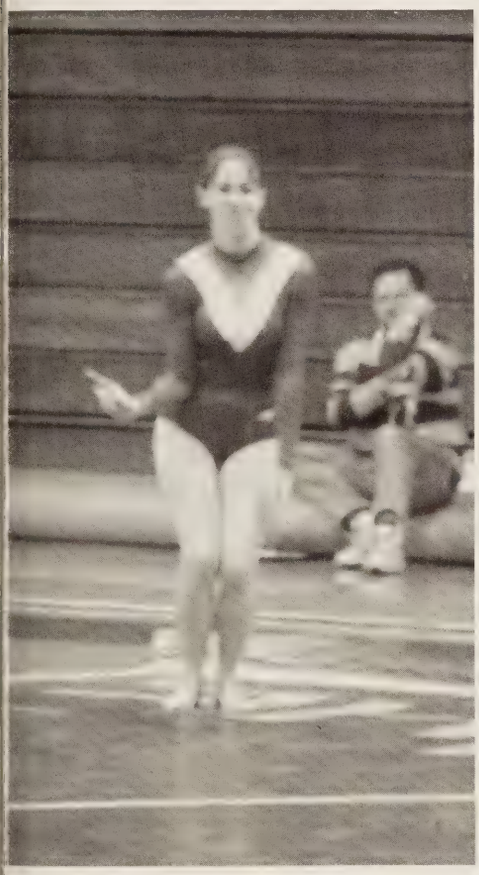
Even though most of the meets were home ones, not many of the student body came to watch the girls at their meets. A small audience didn't bother some of the girls, however, some of them thought that more people should have attended their meets. " It really bothers me that more people don't come to watch our meets because we are a sport." Sorenson said. Freshman Shannon Radford agreed, " I believe that more people should come to cheer us on and show support, just like they do for the other sports."

Smith, however, likes it better when there were fewer people there to watch. "Sometimes it makes me nervous because I want to do well, and I'm afraid I'll fall. And I'll look stupid in front of my friends."

Radford feels that there is only one thing that isn't fun about the team, " Five hour bus rides."



During a regional gymnastics meet Goevanna Lagomarsino does a split on the horse. This is a very difficult stunt for the young freshman.



Before a meet, Coach Norris gives a pep talk to junior Lindsay McGhee and sophomore Mary Ann Sorenson.

A need for ryhthm, balance, and grace are all needed to perform a routine such as the one Renee Jones.

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WRESTLING

THE HOLDS , MOVES, AND THE TECHNIQUES

New coaches bring new ideas and enthusiasm. For the past six years the wrestling team has had a new coach every year. This year's coach was Ron Petrie who also coached junior varsity defense football.

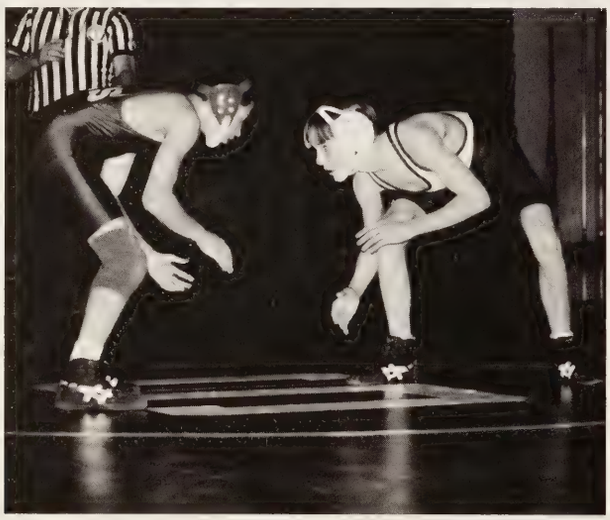
Coach Petrie has had a positive impact on the team's performance and attitude according to senior Hatim Abed. "The [wrestling] program was on the decline and none of the coaches have wanted to go down with it. Coach Petrie showed up and has made a dedication to build us into a winning team, " said Abed.

Having a new coach every year was seen as an advantage by junior George Battistelil. "New coaches bring new attitude and new techniques to us. We can't get used to the same coach, but it brings us closer together as a team. We support each other more to make up for having new coaches all of the time," said Battisteli.

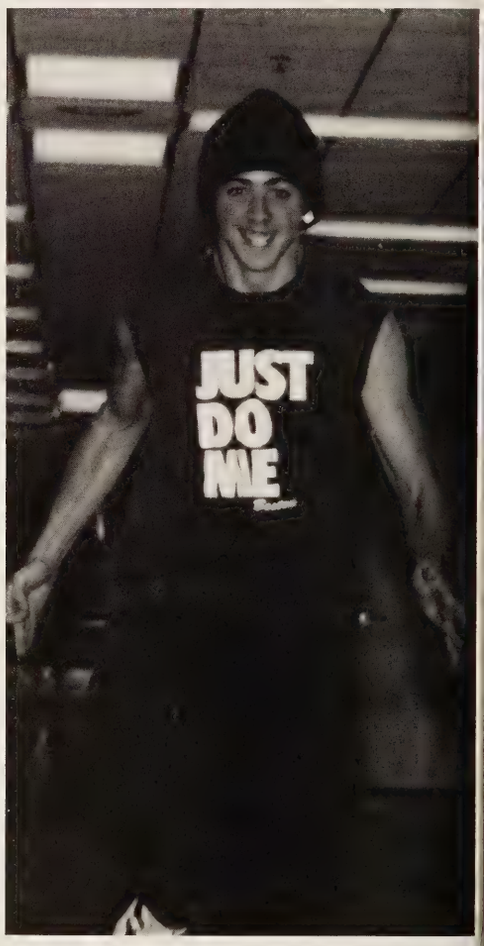
A fourth year wrestler, senior John Shannon agreed. "Different coaches bring the upperclassmen closer together because we need to set an example for the other people on the team," said Shannon.

All of the coaches have agreed that wrestling takes hard work according to Abed. "The coaches have pushed us and we have pushed ourselves. Wrestling is a very competitive sport and we donate our time to it lifting weights, running, and practicing. As one of the only seniors on the team, I put all my time into making the team better," said Abed.

Many freshmen do not see themselves becoming wrestlers but Joey Shannon is one Freshman who joined wrestling and has done pretty good for his first year. Joey finds wrestling hard work but enjoys it throughly (photo by: Chenille Eason).



Senior John Shannon and his Louisa opponent both patiently and eagerly await the sound of the whistle from the referee to continue their last round in their game. (photo by: Chenille Eason)



Trying to get his weight down by sweating junior George Battistelli jogs through the halls.

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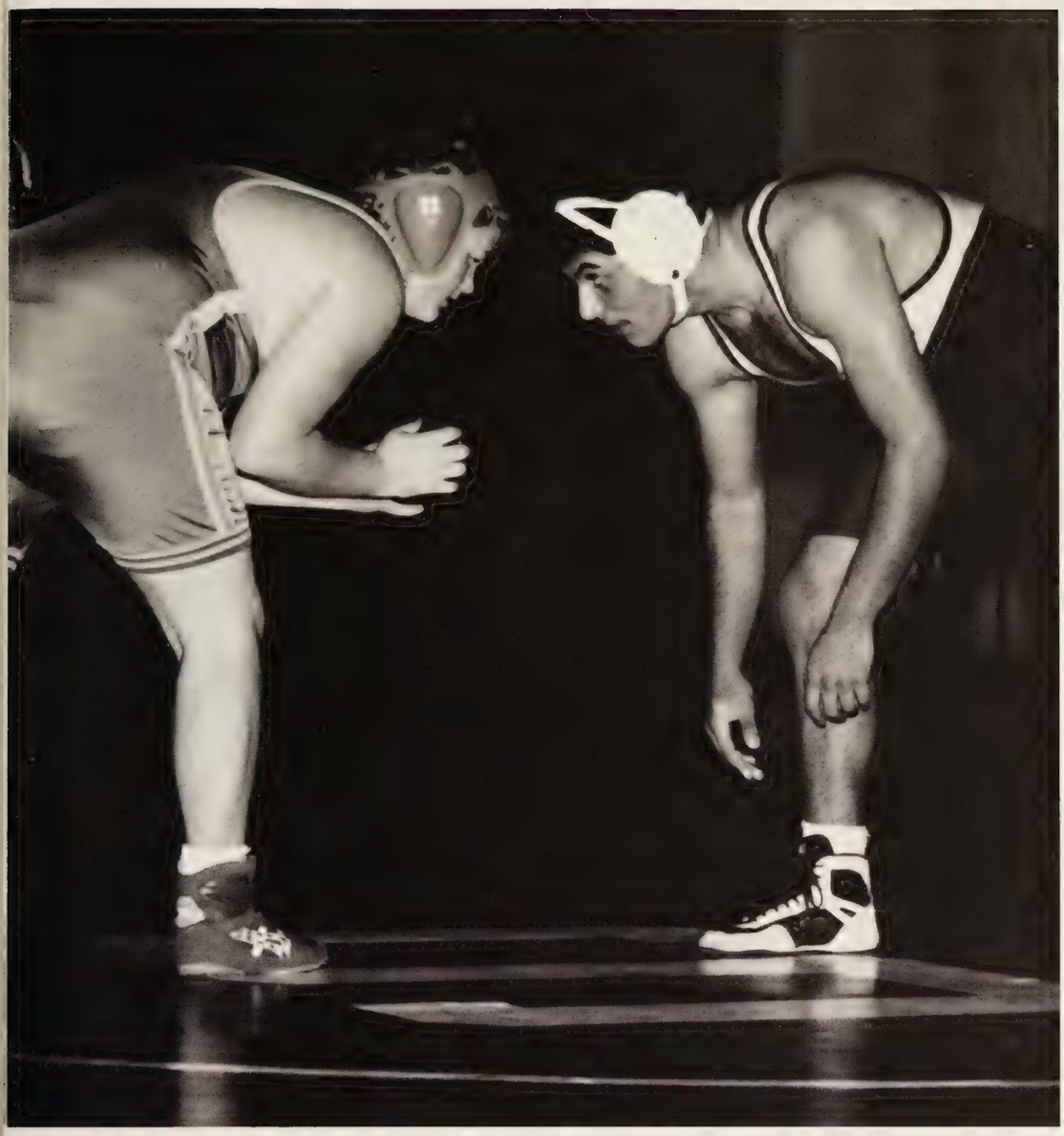

Standing in the referee position, Senior Hatim Abed tries to anticipate the action that his Louisa opponent will make. Before playing, Hatim also thinks about what move he will make to bring down his opponent before his opponet brings down him. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Wrestling can be very tiresome and aggervating at times especially when it never seems to end. Senior John Shannon agrees that wrestling is a sport that can become very exhausting and is a difficult sport. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Team Photo: Row 1: Joey Shannon, John Shannon. Row 2: Randy Knob, Chris Mills, George Battistelli, Clint Beeler, Steven Karopchinsky. Row 3: Manager: Jennifer Wills, Eddie Mills, Matt Clemments, Hatim Abed, David Anthes. Manager: Ron Petrie, Mary Leer.

Junior Matt Clemments finds out that putting his Louisa opponent in any kind of hold can sometimes be a hard work, espically when the opponent is trying to get him in a hold too. (photo by: Chenille Eason)

Facing the crowd and full of spirit, senior Beth Hammock stands tall in a stunt known as the half. she is supported by fellow cheerleaders junior Rachel Paxton and sophomore Serena Carter.(photo by: Ju'riese Colon)

"Accelerate!" junior Ladun Adermoia cheers loudly during a game against Caroline in the second quarter along with senior Beth Hammock and Elizabeth Wartell. (photo by: Holly Duran)

Stretching out before a game senior Erica Burge, junior Melonie Edwards, Norah Fick , and Sandra Nichols pep each other up for the basketball game. (Photo by: Ju'riese Colon)

During half-time the JV cheerleaders put on a show including cheers, chants, and stunts. Here sophomore Cleo Archie prepares to lift sophomore Lisa Eggleston onto her shoulders. This stunt is known as a shoulder stand. Photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

WINTER CHEERLEADING

THE SEASON OF FROSTY SPIRIT

HOT ,sweaty and full of everlasting spirit was the definition of the winter cheerleader during thier season. While snow was blanketing the world outside, it was heating up in the gym; the cheerleaders with stood it all. Nothing slowed down the dedicated cheerleaders,not even the many games that crowded thier schedule.

"Cheerleading takes a lot of effort, but it's also a lot of fun. I didn't have any trouble keeping up with my school work and sleep was not a problem," said sophomore Kim Vance.

Tired and sore were the only complaints of junior Estaleah Marrow. "My muscles got really sore and I hadn't really got much sleep from the weekend, so I was really tired," said Marrow.

Spirit and pep was what kept sophomore Windsor Hall going on the long week of games. "I love to cheer and that's why I didn't really mind the overload of games. After awhile it got kind of tiring, but it was still a lot of fun," said Hall.

In order to have spirit, there must be great vocal ability. Over excersion can really tire those chords out. "I never really lost my voice entirely but after every game I was a little hard to understand. I was always ready for the next games, though, which were usually the next night," said junior Rachel Paxton.

Redundancy was a problem for the JV cheerleaders. "After cheering for not only a whole season but a whole week straight, we really got sick of the same cheers every night. Eventually we started making up new ones and we came up with some great ideas," said sophomore Cathy Pritchett.

"I didn't have any problem with the schedule of games. I thought it was fun, it was really great," said freshman Nicole Holland.

The Varsity cheerleaders sophomore Windsor Hall and Serena Carter, juniors Rachel Paxton, Sandra Nicholas, and Norah Fick, and senior Beth Hammock show their spirit as they cheer "Red! Red!" to get the crowd pumped up. (Photo by: Holly Doran)

QUOTE BOX

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-Estaleah Marrow

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Only a sophomore and showing off her spirit, Kim Vance has SHS pride written all over her. (Photo by: Holly Doran)

JV Basketball

Domination of the court

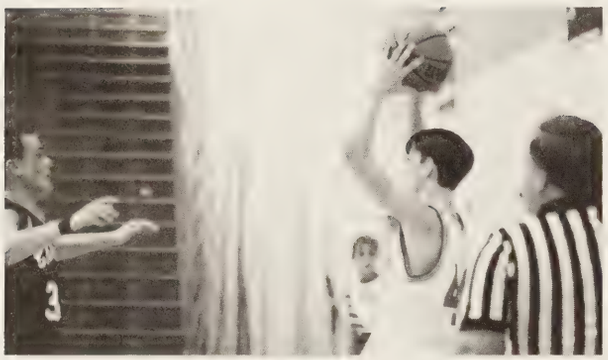
Just streaking down the court the JV basketball team not only dominated the ball, but won eight games in a row.

"We had our winning streak for a while we won eight games in a row," said freshman point guard Mike Crowe. "We lost to Coutland for our chance to go to the playoffs so, after we lost we just quit trying," added Crowe.

An upsetting loss did not affect everyone. "Our season was pretty good, we turned our team around. We had a couple of rough moments and tough obstacles to get around. We got through it and regrouped as a team," said sophomore Mallie Stevens. "We will all be working in the off season to be prepared for a dominating season next year," added Stevens.

The season started off with a fairly young team though young there was experience. Returning to the team was sophomore Chris Washington. "It is kind of hard to sum up the season I guess we had an all around good season," added Washington. "Nex year we will be more experienced we were a young team and it took a little bit to know the plays, but winning eigh games in a row really provec that we were capable of doing a fine job," commentec Crowe.

Fellow teammates agreec that next season was sure tc be the best. " We worked toc hard to give up now ever though the season is over we are still going to continue tc workout and lift weights anc strive to be the best, I know can't wait until next year tc play some more basketball," added Washington.



During a game against Chancellor, sophomore Jason Mascher gets ready for a pass to one of his teammates. The inbound pass contributed a victory over Chancellor's JV team. (photo by: Ju'riese Colon)

Going up for a shot, sophomore Derek Baskerville climbs over a Louisa player. This is one of many shots that improved the score for the Spotsy Knights. (photo by: Holly Doran)

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
36	Courtland	50
74	Culpeper	66
49	Louisa	29
31	Caroline	39
42	Orange	38
46	Louisa	36
44	J.M.	42
54	Chancellor	48
61	Culpeper	33
45	King George	41
45	King George	32
37	Courtland	40
45	Caroline	55
29	Chancellor	33
55	Orange	43
46	J.M.	50

"WE HAD OUR WINNING STREAK FOR AWHILE. WE WON EIGHT GAMES IN A ROW!

-MICHAEL CROWE

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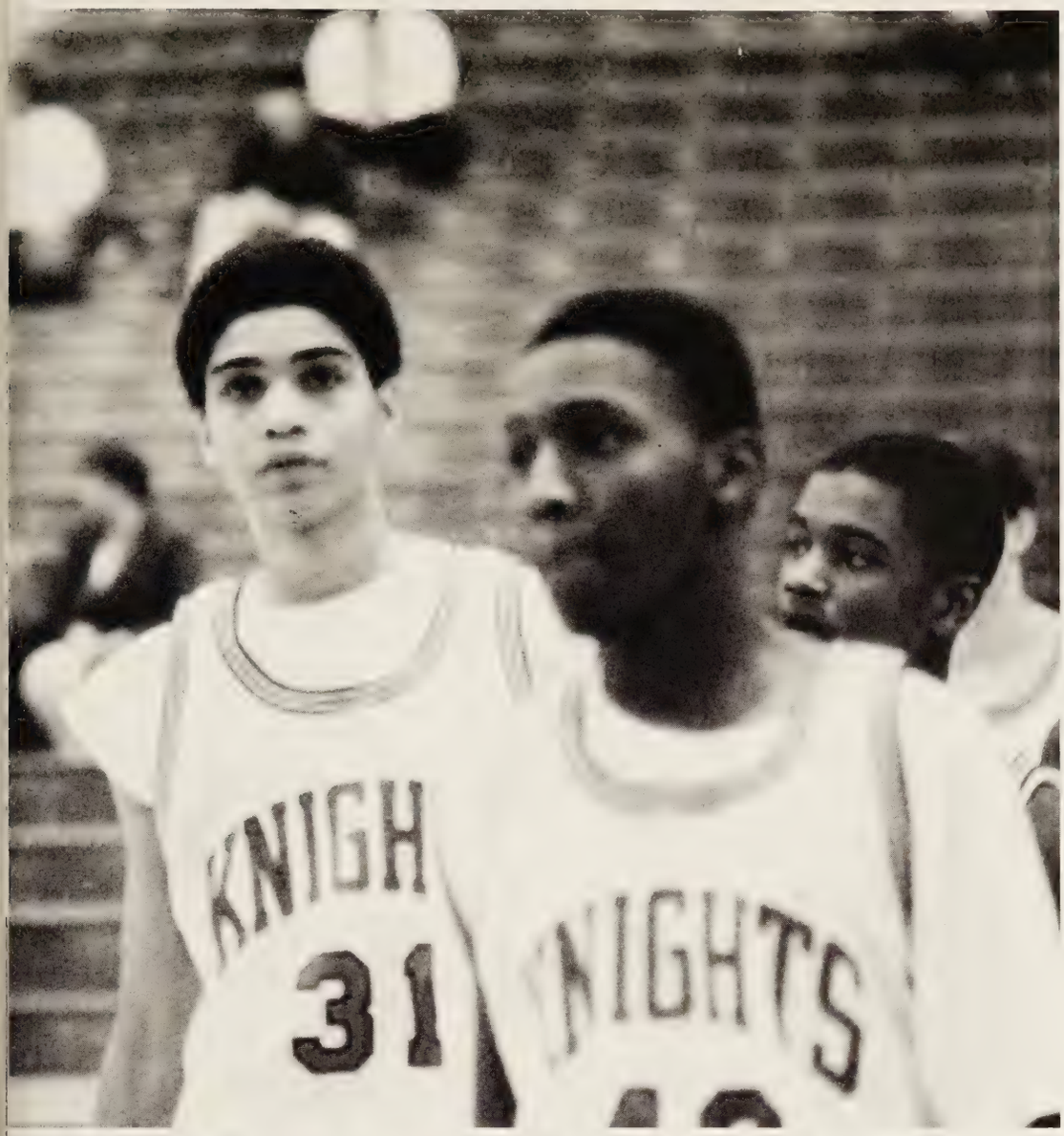
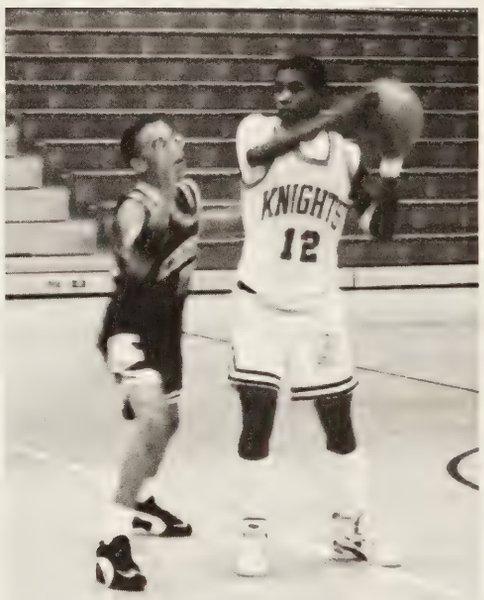


During a game against Louisa, Chris Washington guards off his opponent. Washington manages to keep them away from the basket. (photo by: Holly Doran)

During a game against Culpeper, freshman Michael Crowe tries looking inside for a pass to keepthe ball away from his opponent. (photo by: Jason Johnson)



Team Photo: Randell Carter, John Minor, Sean Hammond, Chris "Washington, Mallie Stevens, Jason Mascher, Sarah Kelley (manager), Derek Baskerville, Steve Tyler, Petey Lewis, Lucas McCann, Coach Byrd.

After a game against Culpeper, freshman Perey Lewis and sophomore Derek Baskerville go to the sideline to have a talk with Coach Byrd. This little chat encouraged the team to beat Culpeper. (photo by: Ju'riese Colon)

In an attempt to intercept a pass from a member of the opposing team, senior Shaun Fairchild demonstrates a popular defense technique (photo by: Holly Doran).

Following the movement of the ball, senior Shaun Fairchild pivots his body. Due to the fast action of the game, quick reflexes are a must (photo by: Holly Doran).

Team Photo: Mike Banks, Archie Tyler, Shaun Fairchild, Maurico Ellis, Alonzo Woolfolk, Wes Coleman, Anthony Gaines, Coach Dunn, Matt Gardner, Eric Taylor, Jimmy Priola, Jason Dunn, Chuck Tolson, Hunter Choate.

Warming up before the start of the game, senior matt Gardner retrieves the previously shot ball. Good preparation plays an important role in playing the sport (photo by: Holly Doran).

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BASKETBALL

BRINGING IN THE NEW

OUT with the old and ı with new! The new bas-.etball coach, Mr. Dunn,was vorking hard to fulfill the ıeed of the team. Everyone eally appreciated his work. Our new coach, Coach Dunn, ıas helped us in many ways," aid junior Archie Tyler. "He ıelped the team realize that ve had responsibilities that ve probably never realized .s basketball players."

Coach Dunn's first pri-ıity was the students class ıerformance, rather than heir performance on the ourt. He wanted his team to oncentrate on school work oo. "His coaching was different from other coaches tactics," said junior Michael Banks. "He wanted us to think about school ,grades, and stuff like that before basketball. I guess he wanted us to realize that life isn't centered around basketball."

Don't be mistaken, their performance did count. "Our new coach got us better prepared by making us liftweights and by making us practice any day we could get in the gym," said junior Wes Coleman.Tyler agreed. " We learned a lot of new strategies and different tactics from him."

Getting a new coach would probably seem like a horrible situation, but the boys seem to make him and themselves fit in. And it didn't matter if they won or lost they were there to play ball. "Coach Dunn also got us more excited about playing rather than being sad and losing," said Coleman. "I think we play better than we did play because he has high expectations for us to play better, win , and to make the tournament," Coleman addeed.

As he prepares to receive the ball thrown from one of his fellow members, junior Michael Banks acts defensively in order to prevent an opposing team member fom Culpeper from catching the ball (photo by: Holly Doran).

SCORE BOX

We	Opponent	They
29	COURTLAND	75
53	CULPEPER	57
42	LOUISA	52
49	CAROLINE	101
67	ORANGE	65
45	LOUISA	56
42	JAMES MONROE	70
56	CHANCELLOR	59
52	CULPEPER	61
52	KING GEORGE	59
50	KING GEORGE	56
44	COURTLAND	70
58	CAROLINE	65
54	CHANCELLOR	64
78	ORANGE	67
33	JAMES MONROE	55

"OUR NEW COACH HAS HELPED US IN MANY WAYS"

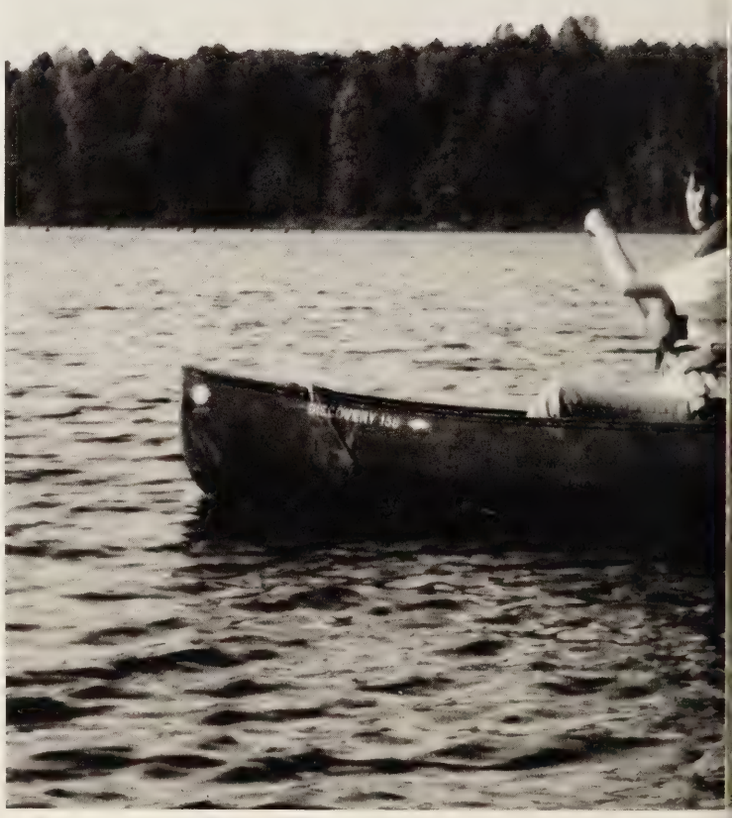
-ARCHIE TYLER

Before their performance during the football game, senior dance team members Melissa Bristol and Crystal Walker chat away pre-game jitters. The dance team provides entertainment at both football and basketball games alike (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon).

PIECING IT TOGETHER SHS

1996 Trail

Providing a way for students to have fun in school activities, clubs were always on the go. With all of the traveling, from ski trips to canoe trips to Disney World, fund-raisers were needed to cover expenses. SCA sponsored computer dating to help students find their perfect match, while Latin Club painted faces for the holidays. Community service was the basis of many clubs. Key Club held a blood drive and cleaned up the highway while National Honor Society gave time to help R. E. Lee's field day. Wherever they were, clubs always found a way to get a **Piece of the Action.**



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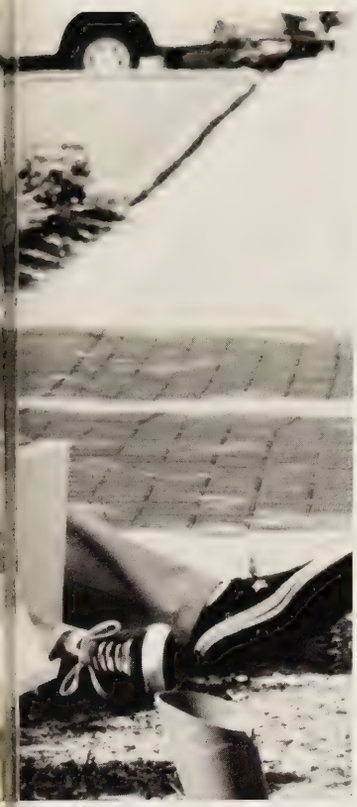


Relaxing during a weekend at VCU for journalism students, senior Robbie Zahabi and junior Jason Meyers eat their lunch in the shade of the tree. (photo by: Danny Case)

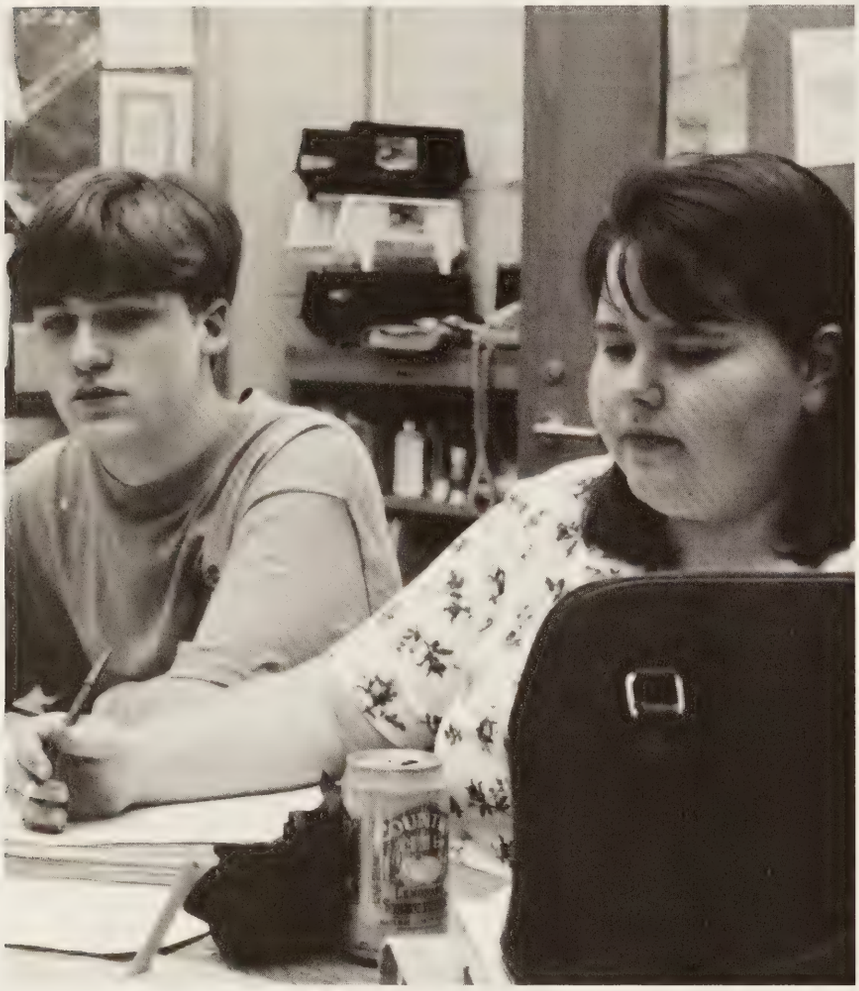
Goofing off, members of the SCA juniors Diana Falls and Lee Payne, sort through the goods given by other students for families in the Adopt-a-Family program.

They'd do anything for their club, even dress up as cupid. Juniors Robert Rowley and Rick Ertel give out valentines to special students on Valentine's Day sent out by the Literary Magazine.

Floating down the river, seniors Heather Daniels and Michelle Brown enjoy their trip with the Science Club canoe trip. (photo by: Jason Johnson)

As if being a Senior and the president of the SCA isn't hard enough , Jennifer Armstrong is also a member of the DECA club. Jennifer says, "This club is good for those who want to pursue a carer in computers." (photo by: Ju'Riese Colon)

Senior Andrew Taylor, a DECA member, finds working the computer a basically easy endeavor. Andrew says, "DECA helps you prepare for the future when it comes to computers and buying and selling things."(photo by: Mr. Mann)



Battle of the Brains: Row 1 ; Brooke Markland, Jennifer Shane, Jennifer Brown, Hope Markland. Row 2; Matt Fukuwa, Aaron Lowery, Robbie Zahabi, Joe Cavilia, Melissa Blake.

Chorus: Row 1: Melissa Abed, Kalece Sprow, Daisy Duke, Milton Brooks, Ruthie Coppage, Robert Syrkes, Chantay Willams, Casey Knight, Maria Atkins. Row 2: Bonnie Shato, Melanie Warton, Vikki Yasimedes, Crystal Porch, Jackie Clark, Monica Jett, Tina Carsley, Brandy Lee, Mary Ritter. Row 3: Robert Troy, Bridgett Vance, Danielle Nocerrno Nocerino, Angela Thurman, Robert Rena,Venessaa Taylor, Daniel Oats, Christina Beaty, Sean Palmer.

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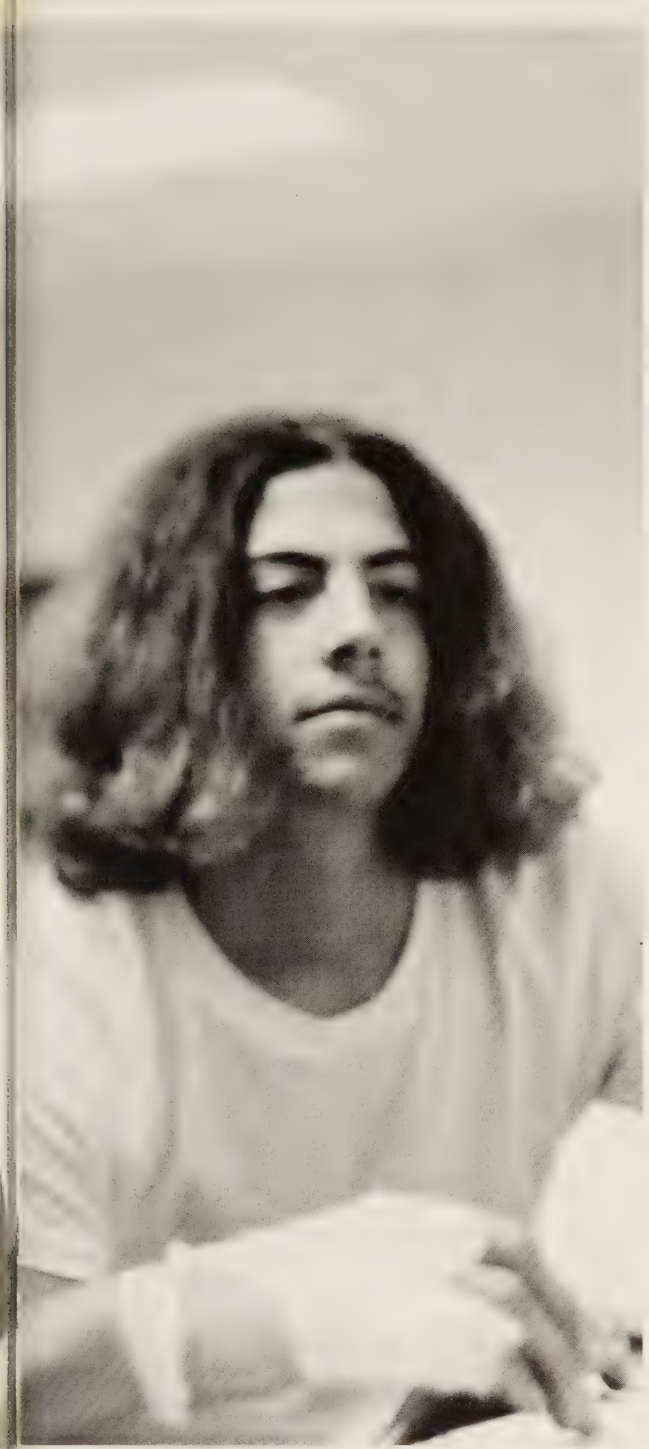


Leadership: A Class Act

'You've got it!' A job that is. Some students have after school or weekend jobs to help prepare them for the future. Besides taking business courses, such as typing and marketing , many student also joined a special club, designed for students in business classes--DECA (Distributive Educational Clubs of America). The club was developed for the student that is planning on entering the business world directly after graduation.

DECA offers a wide variety of opportunities. The club allows students the chance to get together with other students entering the same felids. "DECA teaches us the skills we need to prepare for a job and what it takes to make a job work, "junior Cara White said.

Melissa Coleman agreed, "It gives me good leadership skills, and leadership skills are important to have in a job, especially in a management position."

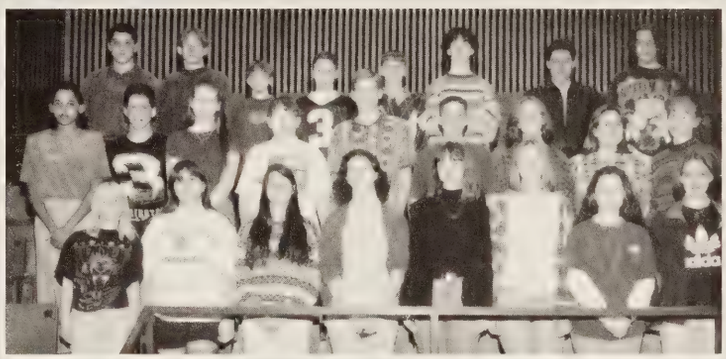
Normally DECA attends many competitions and field trips throughout the year, but due to the weather this year most of the competitions were canceled.

The few that they had the opportunity to attend found the competitions interesting. "Going to Williamsburg for the state competition was my favorite," Coleman said. "We were in a big conference listening to business people talk. It was really educational. "

Junior Cathy Wallace agreed that going to Williamsburg was fun, but she also thought that going to George Mason was exciting as well.

As with any club, members of DECA had their own reasons for joining, " I heard of all the stuff they were into and I figured that it will help me out in terms of my future," White stated. While Wallace said, " I joined to prepare for a job and to help me in the business world. It teaches you so much. "

Concert Band: Row 1: Lesley Leamer, Kerie Kula, Janelle Ellis, Joe Paul Ritter, Amy Wallace,Andrea Sato, Sarah Lavoie, Julie Andretta. **Row 2:** Todd Lynskey, Robbie Ralston, David Beachboard, Renee Laterno , Danielle Loterno, Tabatha , Lisa Burdette, Audra Rosnick, Devon Llong. **Row 3:** Bethany Deitmeir, Virginia Prudom, Sara Berlin, Audra Rosnick, Rena Jones, Sarah Green, Andy Acors, Tim Minor.



Concert Band: Row 1: Holly Samuels, Mary Marina, Melissa Blake, Sarah Spivy, Enn Rodney, Alei Adall, Nikki Jones, Katherine Rathbone. **Row 2:** Jennifer Herriot, Brandon Handy, Crystal Bowles, Willie Rowe, Randy Susk, Nick Gradey, Abby Stover, Jennie Crocker, Robyn Porter. **Row 3:** Joe Caviglia, Jonathan Doeppe, Andrew Luck , Charle Lochart,Billie Grantz, Jason Mitchelle, Milce Shumake, Chip Marshall.

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Quite A Journey

Transforming yourself on stage was not what the Drama Club was all about. Learning from the basics all the way to the history of theater, the club members got a real taste of drama through the many trips they take.

" All the field trips we take help us gain a greater appreciation for theater and the people involved," sophomore Courtney Porter said.

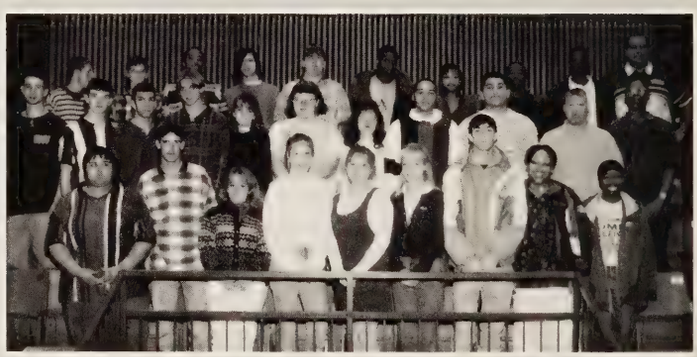
Learning and appreciating is what some members seem to get out of the club the most. "I feel that drama club and the field trips we take give us a better sense of awareness for the theater," said junior Chris Spivey.

Involved in the Drama class was an extra help to theater appreciation, but not the same thing at all to the club, according to junior Ali Duffy. "I feel that the class and the club are totally different. Going to New York and trips like that with the club were a real help with developing acting skills and learning different things about the theater. I really enjoy them," Duffy said.

Devoting extra time to the club was not a problem for senior Ed Buchanan, also known as Elmo. "I love the Drama club field trips. They are so much fun. I think we really get a lot out of them. When we think we're there just having fun, we're really learning a lot of stuff;it's very educational. I feel it's time well spent," Buchanan said.

"This is my first year in the Drama club and I haven't been on many yet. But I'm really looking forward to them. I think the trips they plan are very appropriate for the club and from what the senior members say, they really help them get motivated and build their confidence with their acting," said Erin Thomas.

Conflict Mediators: Row1: Kim Bridges, Regina Dunlap,Jessica Bruce, Diana Falls, davina Miller, Kristen Sutherland. Row 2: Aimee Swisher, Laura Brooks, Beth biscoe, Angie, Skidmore, Terry Moore, Michelle Melzer. Row 3: Eric Motley, Matt gardner, Nils Carter, Nathan Herron



Deca: Row 1: Latasha Poindexter, Andy Taylor, Perri Duckworth, Kim Edenton, Missy Thompson, Suzanne Jasinski, Mike Gibson, Erica Davis, Shaetiah Preston. Row 2: Ventro, Scott Carsley, Doug Rubson, Nathan Benfeild, Sarah Kelly, Tina Dodson, Seen her, Sherman Evans, Hatim Abed, Randy Ennis, Jonessa Gipson. Row 3: Chopper Harley, Billy Vanover, Jason Stone, Chris Dahm, Ben Brooks, Eric Anderson, Cara White, Jack Kay, Charles Fox, Mr. Workman

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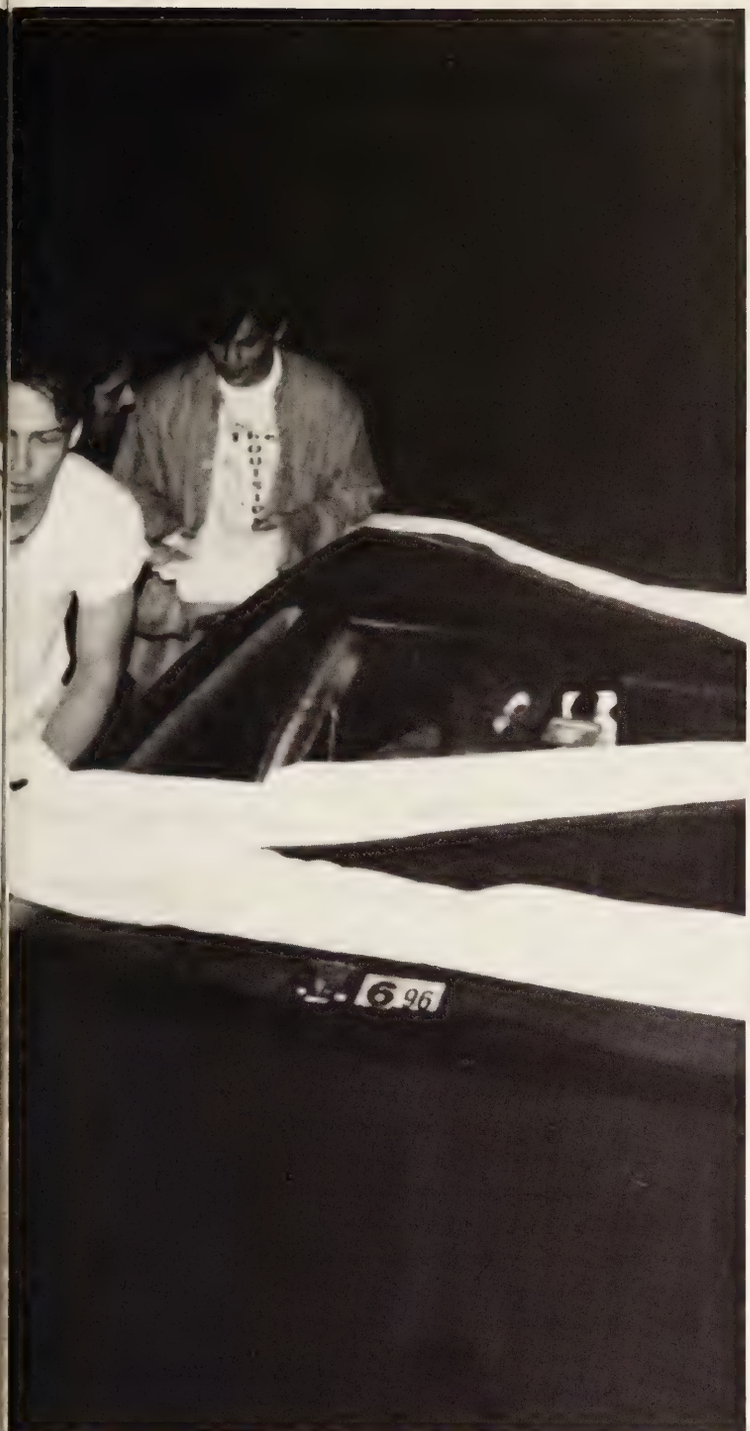
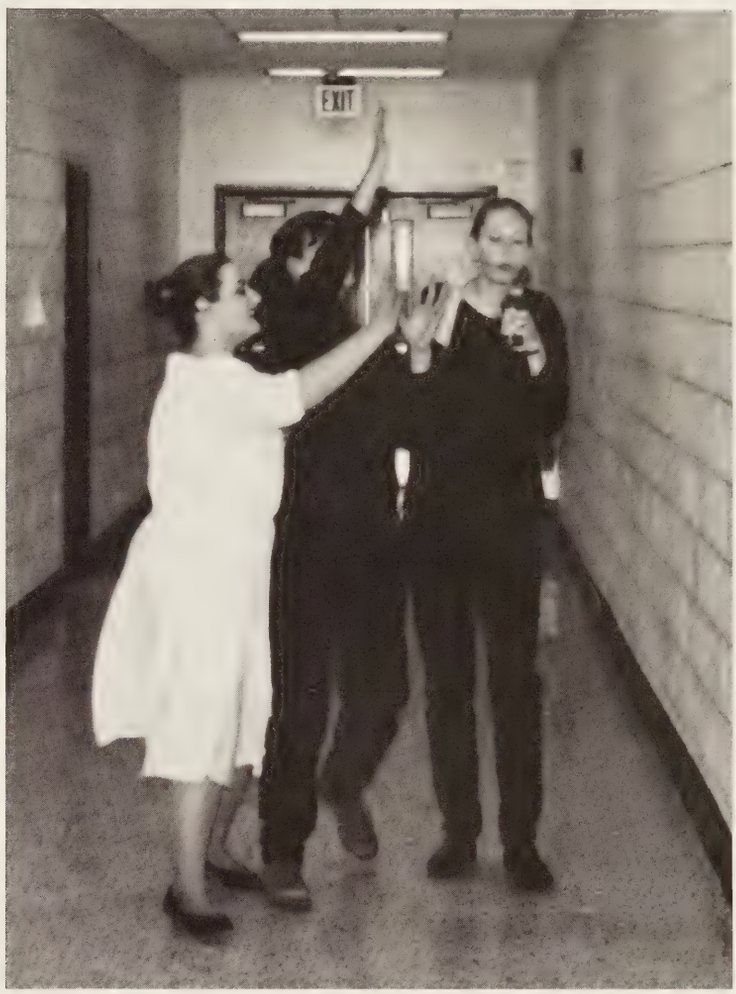


As a tribute to Ms. Kemp, students junior Guy Eaves, sophomore Ryan Standard, and Lucien Shoemaker decorate her car after the opening night performance.

Before the performance of *The Outsider*, freshman Eryn Thomas and freinds relax while blowing bubbles in the Fine Arts wing.



DECA: Darcina Lewis, Melissa Dodson, Tara Biller, Lisa Taylor, Melissa Coleman, , Row 2: Mr. Workman, Sharee Coleman, Bethany Williams, Natalie Williams, Tim Aponte, Melissa Abed, Hatim Abed, Rasheem Robinson

Dance Team: Row 1: Janene Morris, Jennifer Gill, Nicole Brooks, Meghan Scully, Lindsay Carr Row 2: Melissa Bristol, Crystal Walker, Melanie Poblacain, Jessica Holloway

Preparing students for business careers, the FBLA sponsors several contests in which members compete in a variety of specialized areas. Here, FBLA president Genia Sullivan tests her knowledge against others in a written test (photo by: Jennifer Humphries).

The ability to speak well in front of an audience is an important asset in the business world. Here, junior Amy Wallace expresses her views about being a leader as she is judged by a panel of judges (photo by: Jennifer Humphries).

Drama Club Row 1: Elaine Turner, Kim Vance, Kelly Vallance, Alex Buchanan. Row 2: Melanie Nelson, Catherine Prudom, Courtney Porter, Beth Biscoe, Liz Fleming. Row 3: Guy Eaves, Mark Main, Chris Davison

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Stepping Into Business World

Involvement in their community is only one criteria of a business leader.

Preparing themselves for the future may take a long time, but the FBLA members still find time to help out others. "This years our club participated in a food drive, and we asked all the business classes to bring in food to help the needy," said Pennington. "We donated incentives to the Renaissance program. We participated in the food drive and donated socks and mittens for the tree in the library at Christmas," added Sullivan.

FBLA club members have already attended a conference at Brooke Point High School and plan to go to another conference later on this year. Later they plan to go to State Competition in Reston, VA. "This year we went to a Fall Leadership Conference at Brooke Point High School," said senior Casey Pennington. "We went there to attend seminars and hear different speakers that deal with business fields," added Pennington.

This spring the FBLA members are attending a Spring Leadership Conference at Brooke Point to compete in business field events. "After the conference we will go to the YMCA to play sports which students got pledges for," said president Genia Sullivan. "The money will go to Project ASK, the Association for the Study of Childhood Cancer project," added Sullivan.

Preparing for the future and helping out others, are all tasks fof the club, but meeting a variety of people and developing experience for the future are also benefits of the club. "FBLA is a wonderful way for students to prepare for careers in business," said Sullivan. "It is also a wonderful way to meet and build a friendship with people across the region," added Sullivan. "I encourage more Spotsylvania High School Students to get involves with the orgainzation."

Drama Club Row 1: Julie Coleman, Windsor Hall, Mary Belman. Row 2: Jessica Halloway, Amy Wallace, Chris Tocco, Niki Jones. Row 3: Travers Chandler, Matt Hass

Cultural Christmas

Tis the season to be French. during the Christmas season, the French club visited Bloomsbury neighborhood singing various Christmas carols in French and English, spreading holiday cheer wherever they went.

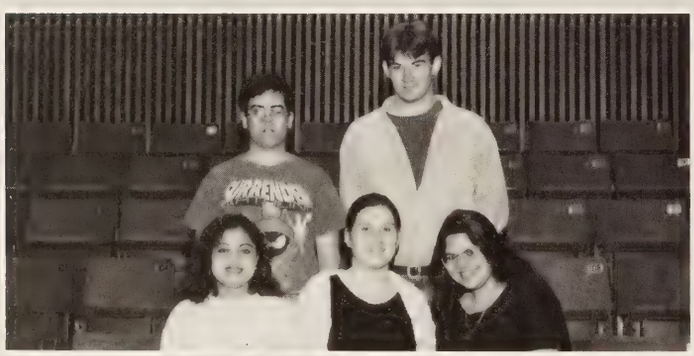
"It was so much fun caroling with the club. I hadn't really been in the Christmas mood, but this cheered me up; got me going," said junior Diana Falls.

Nothing affected their spirit, not even the weather. "It got kind of cold, but It didn't really bother us. We ended up singing one song in French and the rest in English. It was a lot of fun being with everybody and hanging out at my house," said junior Melanie Edwards.

Change of plans were really worth it for sophomore Liz Kirk. "At first I wasn't going to go, I wasn't really in the mood. Once I got there, though, I had a lot of fun. We weren't always on key and it was a little chilly, but the people we sang to didn't mind our voices and really appreciated it," said Kirk.

Males didn't dominate at this party. Senior Sam Parshall was one of three guys that attended to sing his praise. "We really had a lot of fun singing and walking around the neighborhood. I think it really brought out the Christmas spirit and inspired our French appreciation," Parshall said.

Difficulty didn't seem to slow the members down when it came to singing in French. "When we were at the first house it was a little difficult since we all speak our French with different accents, but after a couple of houses we got used to it and got it together," said sophomore Mary Anne Sorenson.



English Row 1: Angelica Castro, Barbra Simonova,Jenna Kennedy. Row 2: Josh Farrar, Joel Henderson

FBLA Row 1: Genny Ivan, Melissa Morris, Charita Lewis, Krissa Cockrum, Casey Pennington, Cindy Haley, Genia Sullivan, Amanda Temple, Melinda Madison, Kristina Kealey. Row 2: Joey Shannon, Somrack Inthavongdy, Jennifer Turner, Erin Baker, Pam Knight, Erica Burge, Mary Esancy, April Buruss, Tina Dodson, Holly Newman, Christina Baker. Row 3: Melanie Acors, Becky Wunce, Lee Watkins, Nick Tovar, Brandie Stevens, Ryan Stege, Thomas Jackson, Joel Henderson, Virginia Gardner, Suzanne Jasinski, Matt Stagge

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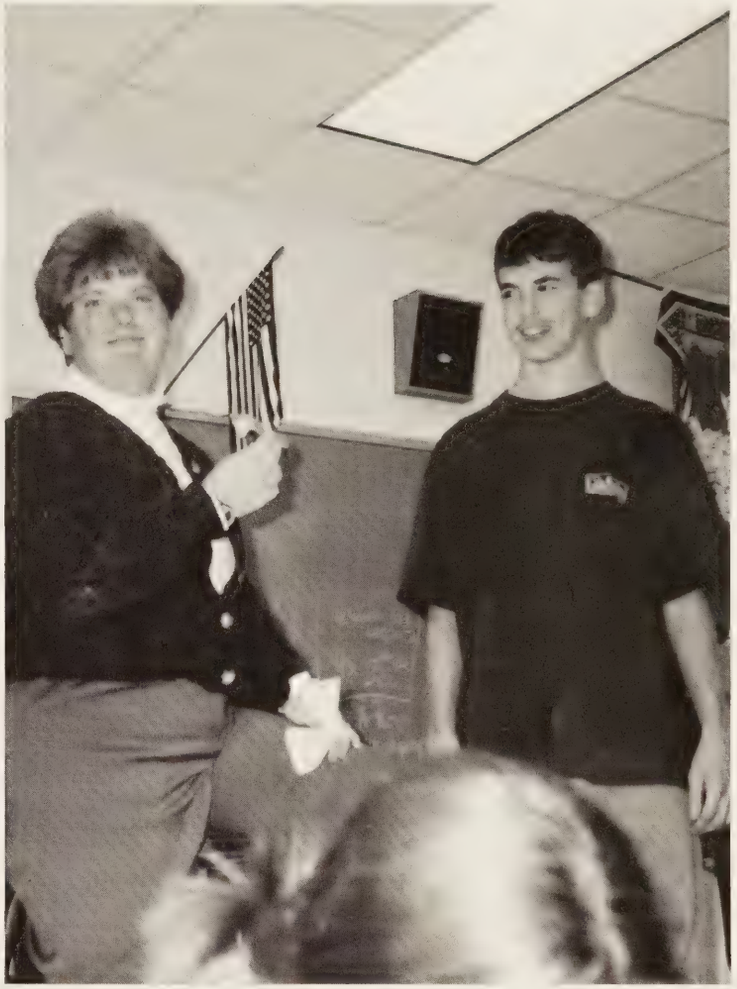
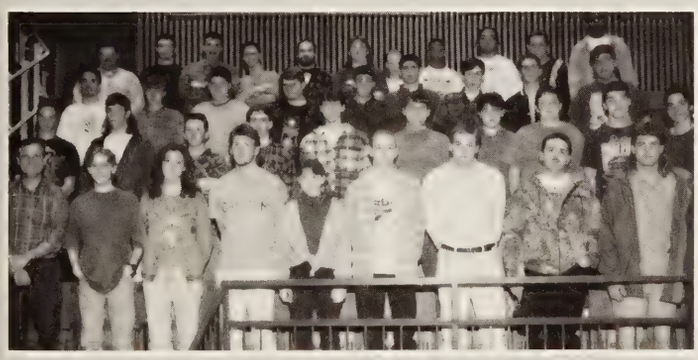
Gathering around the tree, Lee Payne, Melanie Payne, Liz Kirk, Diana Falls, Kelly Kulina, Dana Montgomery, Mary Anne Sorenson, Norah Fick, and Melanie Edwards enjoy festivities.

During a French club meeting, junior Matt Burton and Ms. Shephard enjoy eating pizza, watching a movie, and just relaxing together. Ms. Shephard says, "I love having pizza with my students."





FFA Row 1: Mr. Orrock, Nick Quick, Jennifer Fay, Dwayne Cullers, Sabrina Newton, Chad Morris, Wes Fertig, Tim Aponte, Scott Ives Row 2: Jason Talley, Jeff Travis, Sherry Williams, Matt Wheeler, Tim Sullivan, Andy Wallace, Wayne Collier, Kevin Grim, Larry Christopher, Robert Bishop Row 3: Jeremy Padgett, Gerald Ferris, Mike Mcdonald, Joe Uer, Tommy Commer, A.J. Thomas, Matt Masen, Aaron Noffsinger, Richard Taylor Row 4: Heath Peirson, Rick Toms, Shane Sutherland, Chuck Lohr, Phillip Ventro, Guy Eaves, Keith Foster, Patrick Parker, Tim Minor, David Burkheart,

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Its a dirty job but someones got to do it as seniors Jonathan Biscoe and Jim Vance and junior Ali Duffy look more garbage to clean up for Key Club (photo by: Holly Doran)

Not only an active member of S.C.A. junior Diana Falls shows her school sprit as she helps in the highway clean-up as senior Jonathan Biscoe and Key Club sponsor Mrs. Pickett prepare to put up the sign. (Photo by Holly Doran)

FFA: ROW 1: Crystal Walker , Melissa Cotton , Melissa Bristol , Tammy Martin, Jennifer Campbell. ROW 2: Darcina Lewis , Christina Stanley , Monique Mobley , Gloria Taylor , Maria Ramirez , Renee Sullivan.ROW 3 : Tuesday Callan , Jody Rose , Jaquelyn Meadows , Katy Rowland , Betsy McLeod .

French Club:ROW 1 : Sandra Nicholas , Andi Russell , Mary-Ann Sorenson , Norah Fick , Amy Porter , Jenny Jones , Melisa Edwards .ROW 2 : Tiffany Williams , Laura Brooks , Rachel Paxton , Shelley Mangum , Liz Kirk , Melanie Payne , Erin Criste , Cassie Bohn .ROW 3 : Meghann Scully , Brooke Markland , Erin Rodney , Jessica Masanz , Heather Matthews , Amy Shaw , Melanie Edwards .

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Friendly Service With A Smile

Keying into helping others is the major role of the Key Club. This year the Key club became involved in cleaning up the highways and helping out within the school.

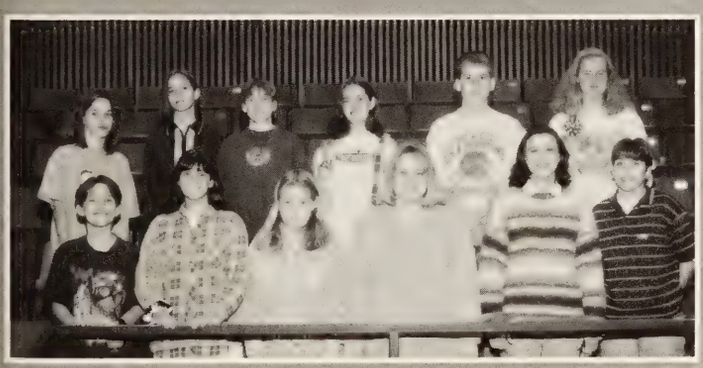
Reasons for becoming involved in the club varied from member to member. "I decided to get involved because their activities are for a good cause," junior Diana Falls said. "And it's a good group of people involved, in good worthwhile activities." Another member senior John Bisco thought, "It is very gratifying to help other people."

Jobs of the Key Club included many different activities. Junior Bevin Strider said, "We meet once a month and do community service work, such as highway clean up, and helping with the blood drive." Strider continued, "It's a good way, I think, to be with your friends and [to] be involved at the same time. It makes me feel good when I do something that I know is helpful to others."

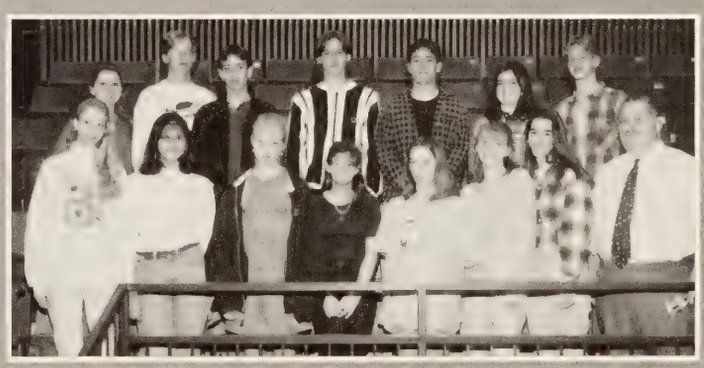
"It lets us know how fortunate we are," said Vice President Marci Willard, "We collect food for the needy families during the holidays, and it feels good to help someone else."

Gratification of a job well done is Key Club President's, Jim Vance, idea of the focus of the club. Vance agreed with Willard, "It feels good to help the less fortunate people."

Key Club activities ranged form small to big. The club washed teachers' blackboards and emptied out the teachers' trachcans. "I liked washing the black boards for the teachers the best, because it really helps them," Falls said, "But the trash can clean up wasn't that much fun."



German Club: ROW 1 : Devon Long , Stephanie Thacker , Katie Thompson , Heather Wickline, Daniele Criste, Michelle Melzer. ROW 2 : Anna Beineck , Cathy Davison , Andrew Luck ,Bethany Deitemeyer , John Litchfield , Erin Kennedy.



HISTORY CLUB: ROW 1 : Eryn Thomas , Angie Filmeck , Cassie Bohr ,Leslie Sheppard, Anna Beineck , Elizabeth Suwinski , Elizabeth Wartell , Mr . Harrell . ROW 2 : Miss Krystynak , David Way, Steve Slingerland , Jackie Richards , Neal Burton , Brooke Markland , Chris Vanhorn.

From Touchdowns To Slam Dunks

"Swish." The band begins to play as another quarter has ended. Usually the band performs during halftime at the football games, however, they performed during the basketball games as well this year.

Limited time and gym space confined the pep band to one spot in the gym which altered their performances . "For football we got to make up an entire show, but for basketball we just play songs between quarters," senior Jessica Burdette said. Freshman Jennie Crocker agrees, "The songs are different and at the football games we did little cheers and at the basketball games we just play a song and then sit there."

According to the pep band they were glad they received more opportunities to perform. "We need more recognition; it's better then last year," said sophomore Melanie Payne. Freshman Jennie Crocker was excited about their new privileges because, "now we can get new uniforms and play in more competitions because we have more money."

Though there were more practices and performances, school work was not a problem for most members. Sophomore Stephanie Thacker said, "I try to work on school work during school when I have time." Sophomore Joseph Caviglia doesn't think it was a problem at all, "We have hardly any practices, and the games are a little bit after school so we have time to do our homework."

The band members were asked if they thought they should preform at other sporting events. "I hope we do play at other sports, at least JV football," says Thacker. Payne said, "Probably not, but it would good if we did."

Junior Math League Row 1: Devon Long Valerie Tyler, Crystal Butler, Melanie Wharton, Ianthe Johnson, Amy Wallace. Row 2: Amanda Boyd, Joey Shannon, Greg Hord, Brandi Mumaw, Tina Dodson, Jennifer Hawkins. Row 3: John Litchfield, Johnathan Carlson, Ricky Erdel, Brandon Link, Richard Westrick.

James Farmer Row 1: Davina Miller, Serena Carter, Kristen Southerland, Jennifer Herriot, Melanie Silver, Valerie Tyler. Row 2: Ms. Shirley Powell, Chris Washington, Shaetiah Preston, Shana White, Leshawn Cephas. Row 3: Kingsley Wright, Randell Carter, Chris Wyche, Chuck Tolson.

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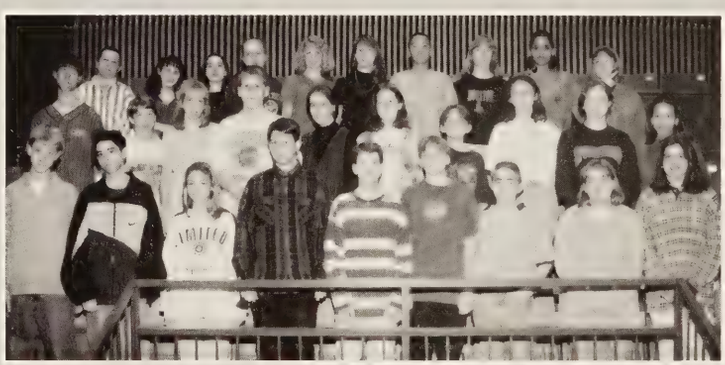
Performing for the a basketball game junior Matt Sawyer blows his trumpet. Notice the pep band is not in their traditional band uniform.

Playing her clarinet sophomore Stephanie Thacker plays in between quarters at a basketball game.

Jazz Band Row 1: Nick Geraci, Alyson Smith, Johnathan Dadurrka, Mark Stanley, Matt Sawyer, Billie Embry. Row 2: Tamara Glover, Ronna Reves, Kelly Dove, Ryan Endosbiiee, Tim Acors, Richard Westrick.



Junior Math League Row 1: Ryan Smith, Chris Evans, Julie Andretta, Micheal Warlick, Derek Bower, Andrew Luck, Gary Sheer, Amy Wallace, Brooke McCormick. Row 2: Jamie Watson, Joey Shannon, Barbara Denis, John Litchfield, Sarah Lavoie, Bethany Beitmiar, Devin Long, Virginia Prudom, Jennifer Brown, Tina Coodman. Row 3: John Massey, Kelly Kulina, Julie Coleman, Brandi Mumaw, Katie Cushing, Hedi Kenner, Randell Carter, Danielle Laturny, Jennifer Herriot, Melanie Gardner.

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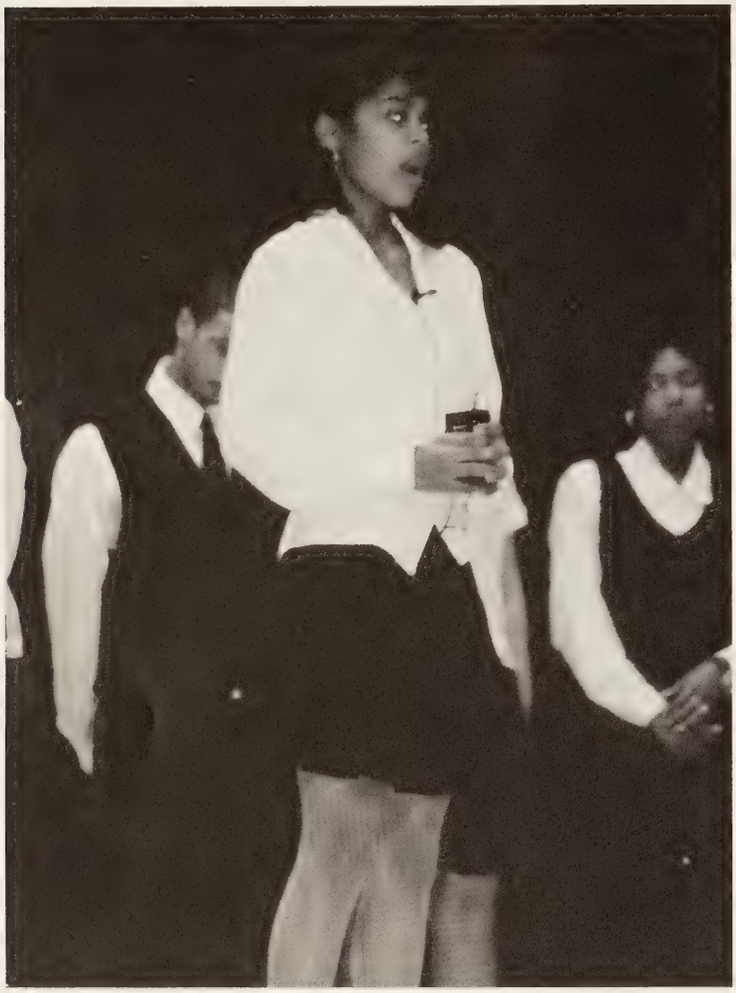
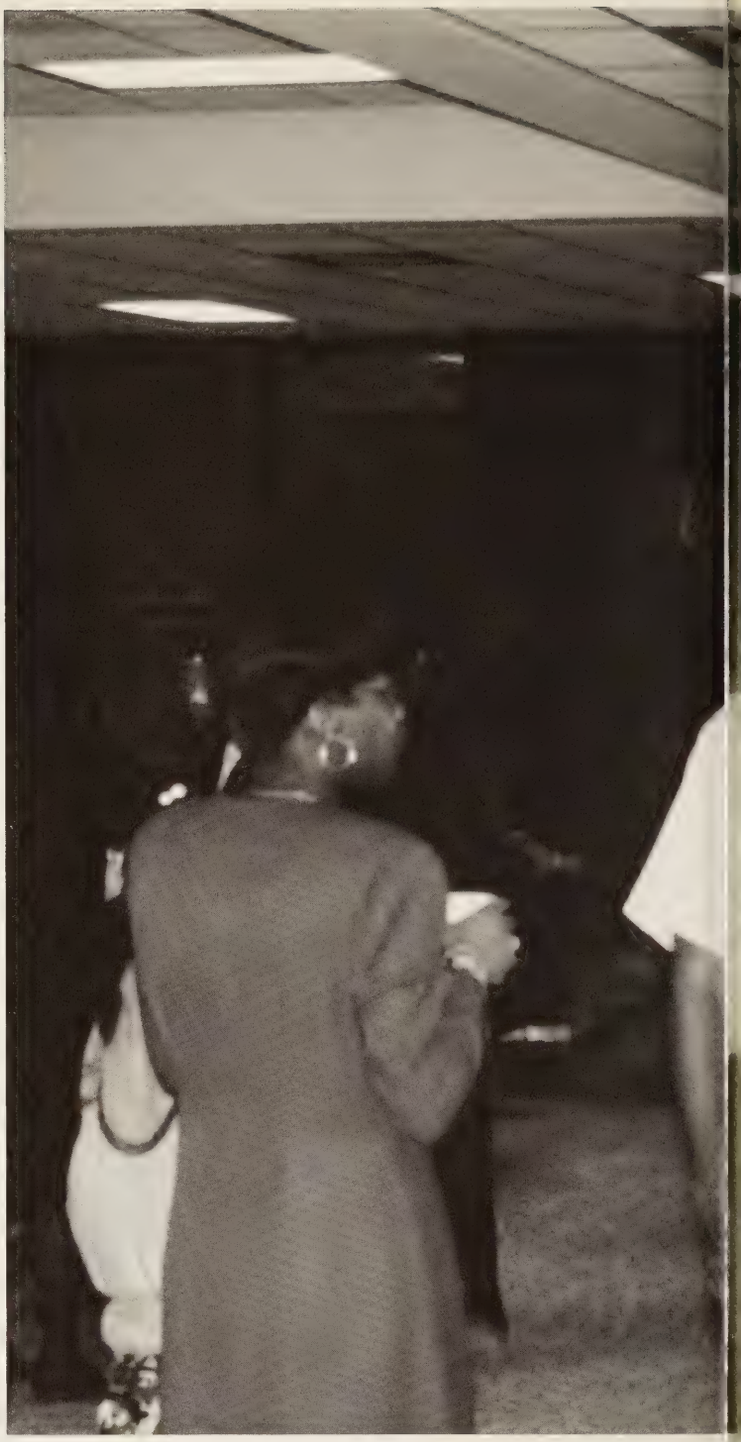
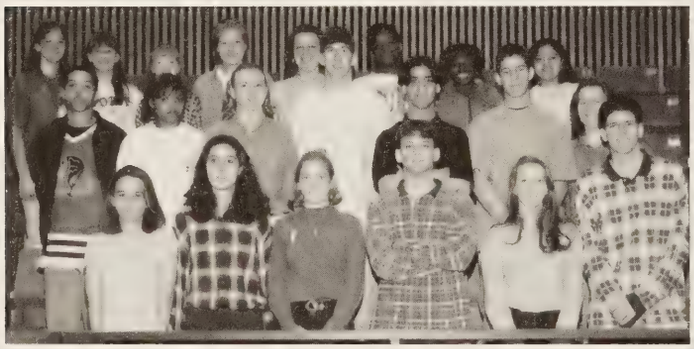
During the gospel celebration sponsored by the Multicultural Club, junior Natasha White performs a song as other club members look on. This celebration spiritually moved many students

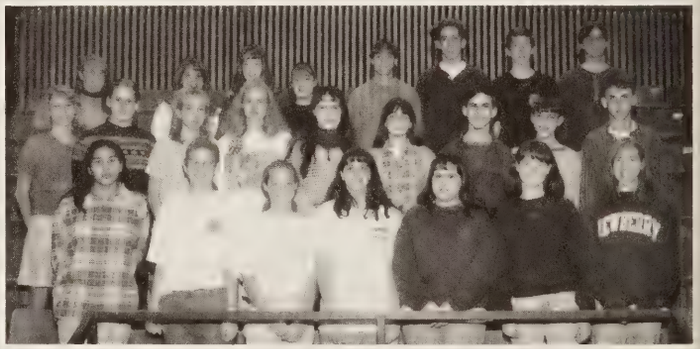


After a multicultural club activity, senior Lee Watkins chats and laughs with a fellow friend and performer about the activity in the commons area 1.(photo by: Chenille Eason)





Key Club Row 1: Amy Eiwen, Sandra Nicholas, Diana Falls, Matthew Sawyer, Allison Duffy, Jim Vance. Row2: Chris Washington, Marci Willard, Kathryn Miller, Hunter Choate, Louis Kartoudi, Scott Smith, Melanie Wharton. Row 3: Becky Murray, Melissa Huskey, Beth Hammock, Leena Watson, Brooke Markland, Tamara Glover, Janelle Glover, Angelica Castro.



Key Club Row 1: Teresa Tovar, Ginna Priola, Elizabeth Kirk, Kimberly Vance, Tiffany Smith, Beth Biscoe, Audra Rosnick. Row 2: Katie Cushing, Teresa Murphy, Barbera Dennis, Erin Kennedy, Melissa Palmer, Stephanie Thacker, Edward Buchanan, Craig Wershing, Jason Myers. Row 3: Melanie Acors, Jennifer Turner, Jenny Burge, Nicole Holland, Eric Motley, Mike Joos, Nathan Hadley, Aaron Lowrey.

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Getting Your Spirit Uplifted

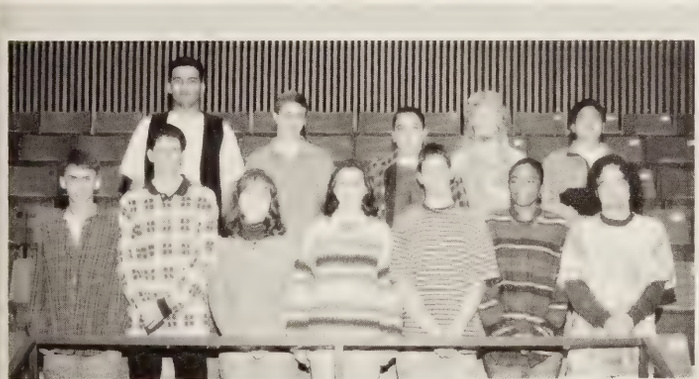
Uplifting their spirit and trying to help get others involved was what the Multicultural Club was trying to do as one of the clubs of Spotsylvania High School.

This year the Multicultural Club invited many churches in the area to come and sing Gospel music for the public. "It was a gospel extravaganza where we asked choirs from hereby churches to come and perform for our school to try to get something happening at our school for Black History Month," said junior Kristen Southerland. "This was a Black History program that was open to the public," said senior Marci Willard. "There was also a play that was put on by the members of the Multicultural Club that showed the African American aspect of music," added Willard.

With all of the churches involved and the play performed by the members of the Multicultural Club, many think that the meaning of the play and music will get across to the audience. "I think that the meaning of gospel will get across to everyone because of all the gospel songs we are going to have," said senior Angie Coleman.

Though the Gospel Extravaganza was an event that occurred last year, Southerland thinks the meaning of the gospel will get across because of the effect it had on her last year. "I think the meaning will get across because last year it went really well and when you left you felt as if you had been lifted to another level," added Southerland.

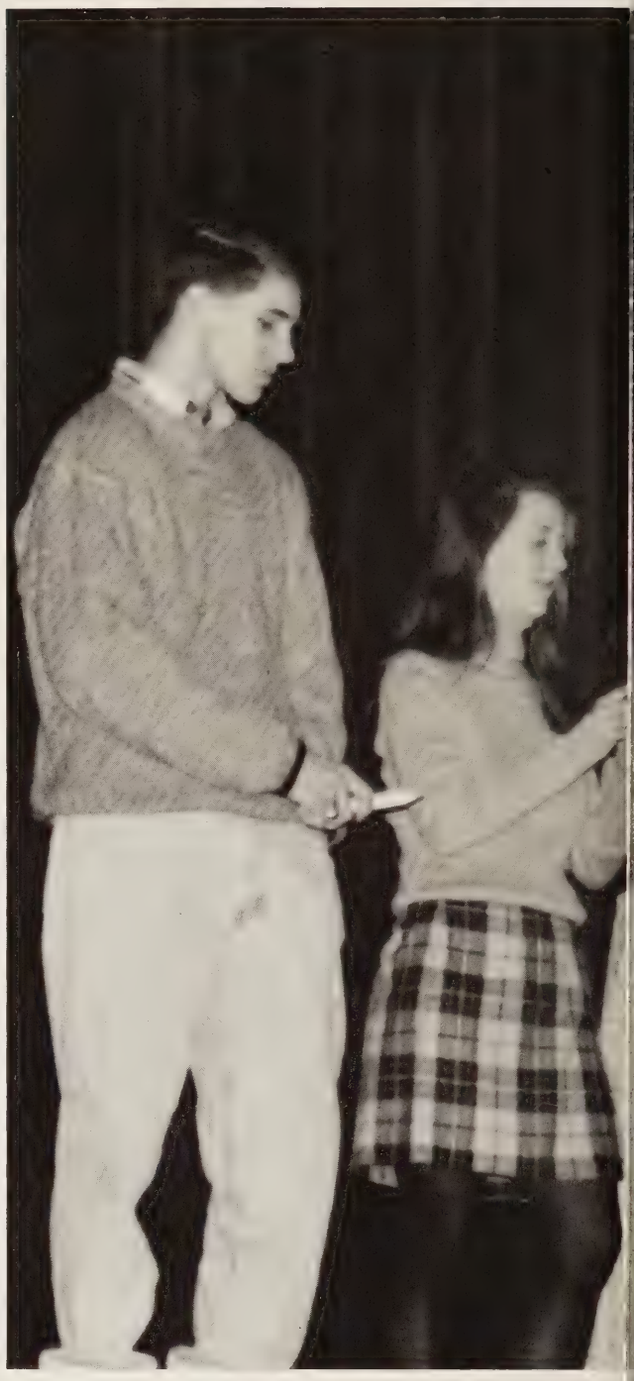
Though many thought that the program was just for entertainment or something to do that day, Southerland had a much stronger purpose for the show. "The purpose was to get students, parents, and the community involved in church again because people have slowly pulled from churches and we need to get involved in the church as we can get," added Southerland.



Knight Life: Row 1: Jason Myers, Jim Vance, Amy Porter, Danielle Criste, Scott Smith, Angie Coleman, Robbie Zahabi. Row 2: Tierre Brown, George Battestelli, Kevin Goodman, Alex Russell, Matt Furukawa

Knightly News Row 1: April Brice, Amy Wallace, Jennifer Turner, Amy Porter. Row 2: Archie Tyler, Ryan Standard, Danielle Criste, Ronald Seidman.

An Increase In Honor



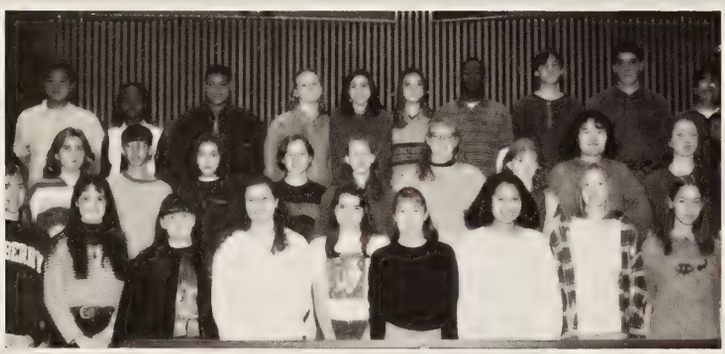
Bigger and better than ever. The National Honor Society has grown rapidly in size. The number of NHS members has increased from 15 new inductees last year to 45 this year.

This increase was brought on due to the excellent quality of the students and the dedication of the junior class according to NHS sponsor Mrs. O'connor. "I think that this is beneficial because the more students that are involved in the program, the more students will know about the club. This could help to motivate other students to have better academic habits so maybe then they will be able to join," said O'Connor.

In order to be considered for membership students had to maintain a GPA of 3.2. However, good grades were not the only criteria for membership into the NHS. "Students must have good grades as well as leadership, service and character. Eighty-three students qualified for the program grade wise, out of those 55 people responded to the questionnaire, and out of those 45 students were chosen for membership," said O'Connor. "Juniors who were not accepted this year have a chance to reapply then senior year and could get accepted.

Behavior problems during the induction ceremony were not a problem at all according to junior Jessica Bruce. "Everyone was quiet and listened to what was going on. I thought that people was really respectful. Junior Tom O'Halloran agreed, "The ceremony was great and afterwards the reception was a great reward we were given cake and punch and had a chance to talk to everyone and the principal and guidance councelors and everyone's parents were there," said O'Halloran.

Watched by their peers, and their families the new members carried candles across the stage and then recited a pledge which made them official NHS members. "I was afraid I was going to drop my candle my hands were so sweaty from being nervous I kept hoping I wouldn't fall when I was walking across the stage," said junior Shelly Mangum. "I'm really excited and happy to be a member.



Latin: Row 1: Audra Rosnick, Melissa Palmer, Katie McDonald, Maaria Atkins, Christina Mullen, Nicole Holland, Courtney Conanon, Alei Adair, Drew Otte. Row 2: Wendy Wolfrey, Craig Wersching, Vicki Yiasemides, Jennifer Brown, Lisa Burdette, Melanie Acors, Tiffany Gray, Jamie Marshall, Weny Meritt. Row 3: Kisoo Sung, Ladun Olaseni Adaramo, Kingsley Wright, Katie Miller, Christie Morgen, Cathy Pritchett.

Latin: Row 1: Somrock Inthavongdy, Amy Butcher, Ginna Priola, Linsay Carr, Beth Biscoe, Megan Mills, Mollie Smith, Rachel Lea. Row 2: Somnuck Inthavongdy, Bridget Fay, Jessica Burdette, Jennifer Shane, Tamara Glover, Kelly Dove, Tiffany Smith, Amanda Temple, Daniel Oaks, Jonaathon Dadurka, Richare Weestrick, Bridgette Fox

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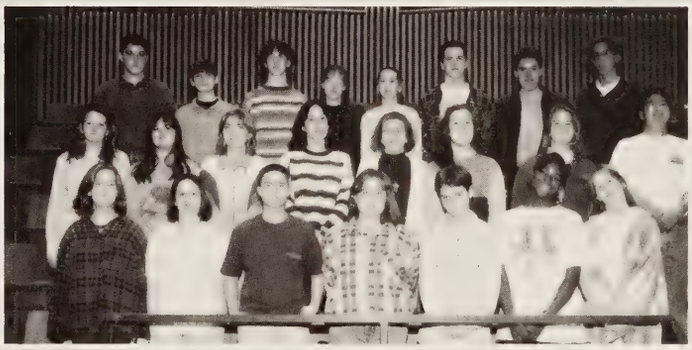
Tipping her candle carefully so that she won't drip wax, junior Ali Duffy lights her candle off senior Erica Burge's while junior Jason Dunn waits patiently for his turn.

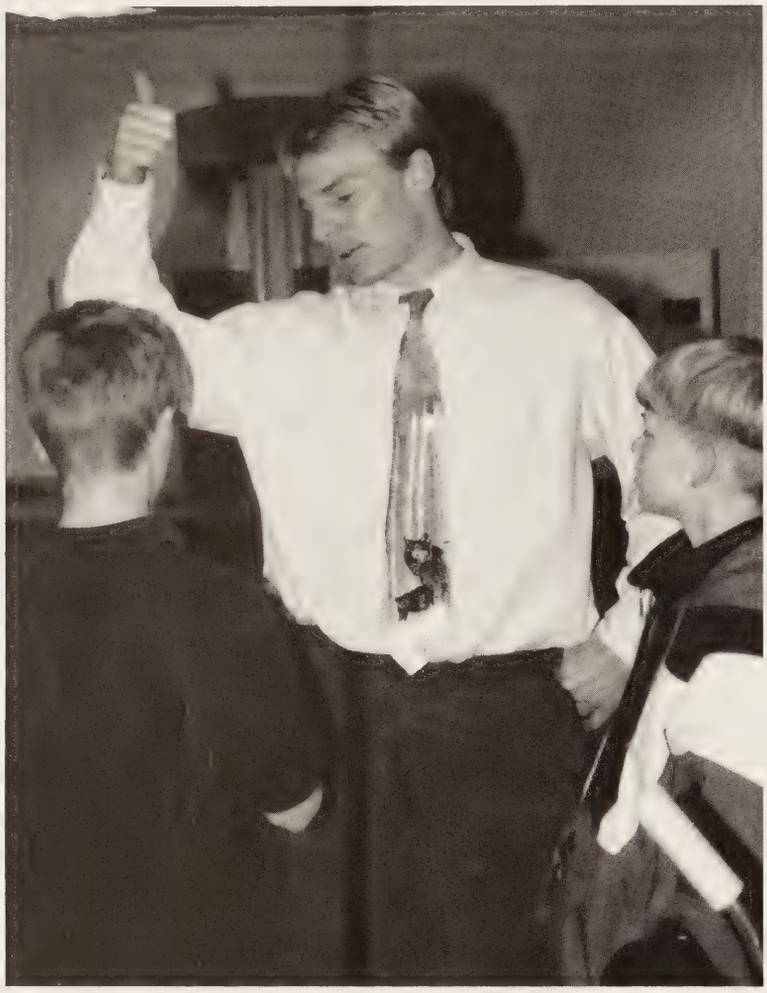
After the induction ceremony, NHS members and their families were given cake and punch and a chance to socialize. NHS sponsor Mrs. Susan O'Connor carefully slices the cake.

Literary Magazine: Row 1: Karrie Kula, Meghan Scully, Jessica Masanz, Marci Willard, Rena Jones, Karen St. John. Row 2: Ms. Fullow,Bethany Deitmeyer, Lee Geraci, Piper Doeppe, Mrs. Soto. Row 3: Thomas Jackson, Tony Fullon, Saarah Green, Stephen Miller, Robert Rowley, Joel Henderson.



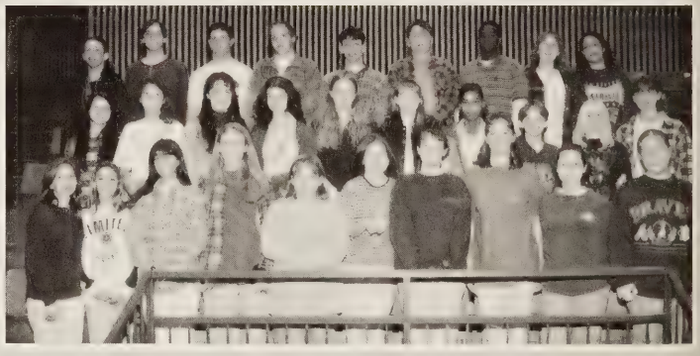
Marching Band: Row 1: Abby Stover, Lee Geraci, Nick Brady, Jennifer Crocker, Dvid Beachbeard, Tamara Glover, Kelly Dove. Row 2: Bridgette Fay, Mary Marino, Rance Woods, Jennifer Shane, Melanie Payne, Monice Robbins, Sarah Baird, Matt Fukurawa. Row 3: Joe Caviglia, Mark Stanley, Jason Mitchell, Alyson Smith, Leslie Leamer, Nick Geraci, Mike Shumake, Mike Joos.

Photojournalim teacher Mr. Mann directs his students on what they should be doing with their film once they complete their photo essay assignment. (photo by: Rachell Baskerville).



Deadlines are very tiring. Junior Kristen Southerland found time to catch up on sleep from a long stressful night of getting the newspaper finished on time. (photo by: Alex Russell).

Marching Band: Row 1: Mary Ritter, Kim Vance, Billy Grantz, Beth Hammick, Jessica Burdette, Bethany Dietemeyer, Melissa Mattingly. Row 2: Chris Spivey, Jennifer Brown, Sarah LaVoie, Lisa Burdette, Amber Snyder, Melissa Huskey, Katherine Seay, Leah Rosnick. Row 3: Todd Lynskey, Robert Rowley, Amanda Boyd, Jennifer Hawkins, Andy Acors.



Marching Band: Row 1: Erica Savee, Julie Andretta, Stephanie Thacker, Michelle Davis, Amy Wallace, Barbara Henderson, Vanessa, Becky, Nicki Jones, Sarah Stover. Row 2: Melissa Blake, Virgina Prudom, Melissa Palmer, Sarah Spivey, Jessica Smith, B.J. Embrey, Tabitha Pratt, Devon Long, Holly Samuel, Michelle Mattingly. Row 3: Joe Paul Ritter, Aaron Lowery, Tim Acors, Richard Westrick, Matt Sawyer, Robbie Raston, Chris Wyche, Joanna Robinson, Meody Maines.

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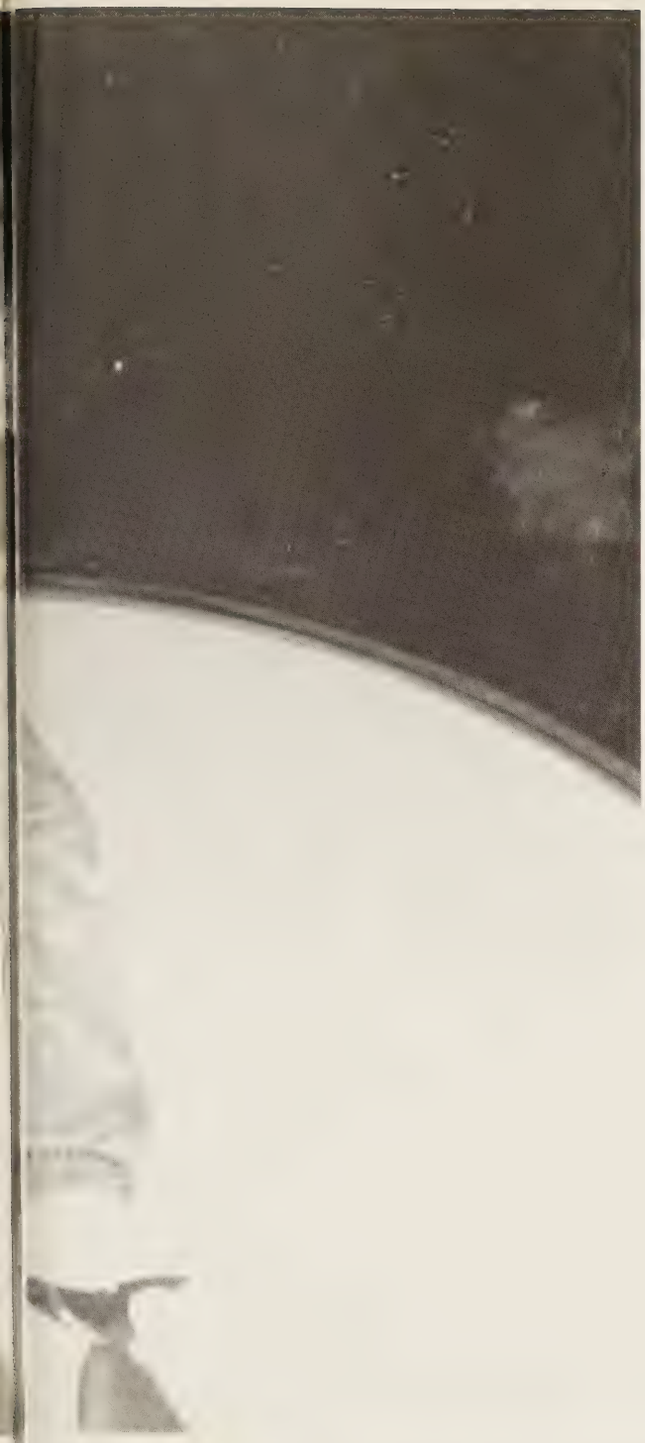


Filling The Missing Pieces

Practice makes perfect. Having to teach a brand new subject and trying to get the respect deserved as a new advisor was sometimes an overwhelming task.

"I was more than happy to take over as the advisor of the yearbook," said advisor Stephenie Fellinger. " We faced a lot of challenges, but the staff helped me every step of the way," she continued. Fellinger took the job after former advisor Sandra Woodcock decided not to return to teaching this year. It took three teachers to fill her positions as the advisor of the Newspaper, Yearbook, and Photojournalism classes.

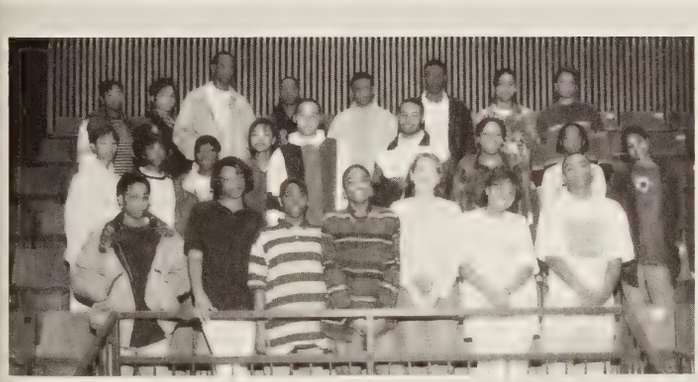
"It was a little hard at first. We had to get used to each other. It took a lot of compromising, but once we did, it worked out," said junior Megan Young. "I had Mrs. Woodcock for English and Journalism, and she taught me a lot. But working on the yearbook this year with Mrs. Fellinger has taught me even more," added Young.

Only one person returned from the old yearbook staff--Jennifer Richards. "It was a difficult transition. There was no time to stop to get used to things because the yearbook still has to go, but it has been fun getting used to the changes, and we have learned a lot more than if we had an experienced advisor," said Richards.

The newspaper staff had a new advisor as well. Their advisor was Diane Critchfield. They, however, had more of their staff return. "I really think it is neat having a new advisor," said junior Kristen Southerland. "We have learned so much from Mrs. Critchfield," added Southerland.

The photojournalism students also had a new advisor. Science teacher Mr. Mann began teaching the class this year. "He has taught me so much," said junior Heather Wickline.

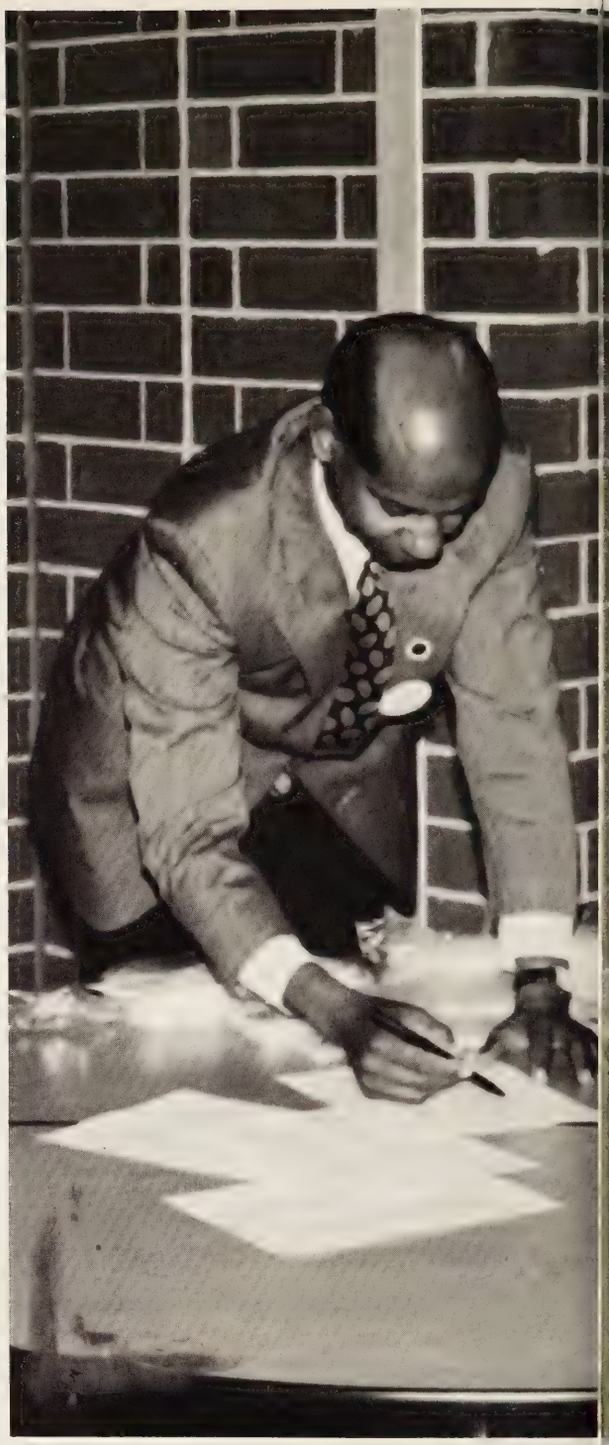
The Literary Magazine also received new advisors. Ms. Soto and Ms. Furrow were new to both the Literary Magazine and the English department.



Multicultural: Row 1: Erin Lawson, Melanie Reaves, Monique Mobley, Angie Coleman, Jennifer Richards, Marci Willard, Mike Banks. Row 2: Samona Carter, Krissa Crockrum, Shaetiah Preston, Cara White, Sherman, Erica Davis, Shawnell Bryant, Natasha White. Row 3: Winter Adams, Tina Pratt, Eric Taylor, Wes Coleman, Alonzo Woolfolk, Charles Fox, Charita Lewis, Kalece Sprow.

NAHS: Row 1: Lora Chihowsky, Chenille Eason, Teresa Tovar. Row 2: Mike Davis, Archie Tyler, Chris Long, Lenny Aglain.

Stand Up For Excellence



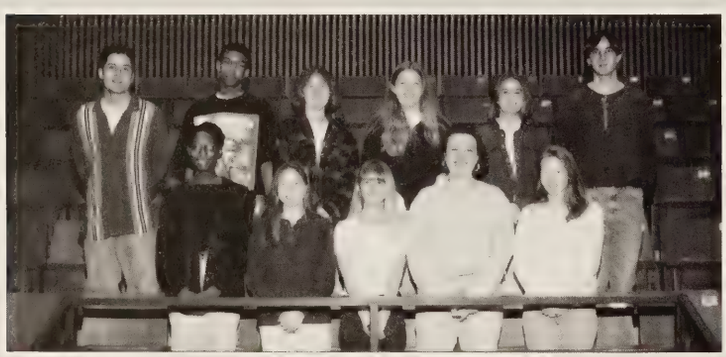
From human billboards to giving out balloons on people's birthdays the Renaissance Club got involved at any cost. *Good Guy, High Five,* and *Birthday Balloons for a Buck* were all parts of Renaissance. Many students were not aware of these programs, but the programs all helped students feel better about themselves.

Birthday Balloons for a Buck was a program that allowed a student to buy balloons for a friend and have them delivered to that student on their birthday. "Giving people balloons on their birthdays is the best thing about Renaissance," said senior Mark Main. "It gives people a little more to be happy about," added freshman Cathy Davison.

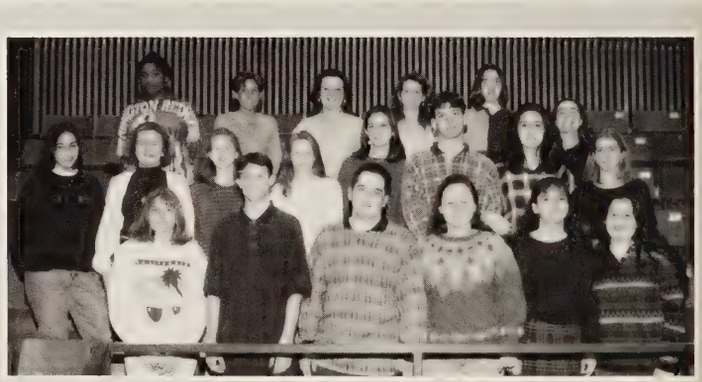
For the students who helped out without being asked, there was the Good Guy program. Those students who displayed good citizenship without someone asking them were nominated by a faculty member for the Good Guy Award. Those students were then recognized with a certificate and a key chain.

The High Five Club was a good way for students to become involved in recognizing other students' achievements. A student was nominated by a member of the club, who in turn nominated another student who helped out a lot around school. The club grows and students became involved.

Most members of the Renaissance Club enjoyed it. Junior Lee Payne remarked, " [The best thing about Renaissance is] being able to work with the students on a more personal level." Junior Matt Sawyer added, "There really isn't anything bad about it." Members helped with things involving other students, had input in what went on at school, and worked with other students and teachers trying to improve SHS. "Renaissance brings more power to the students. " said freshman Molly Moore.



NHS: Row 1: Janelle Ellis, Erika Savee, Penny Beverage, Brooke Markland, Jessica Burdette. Row 2: Sam Parshall, Shawn Fairchild, Joanna Robinson, Jessica Smith, Sarah Bard, Aaron Lowery.



Renaissance Club: Row 1: Jenny Owens, Charles Williams, Michael Dunovant, Jesse Brooks, Megan Mills, Sarah Coleman. Row 2: Vikki Yiasmedes, Melanie Payne, Lisa Burdette, Jessica Burdette, Christy Morgan, Matt Sawyer, Sandra Nicholas, Kelly Vallance. Row 3: Chantay Williams, Beth Williams, Brooke Markland, Karrie Kula, Julie Coleman.

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Celebrating excellence Dr. Atkins hands out bumper stickers, free gas coupons, and other merchandise that area merchants donated to our school.

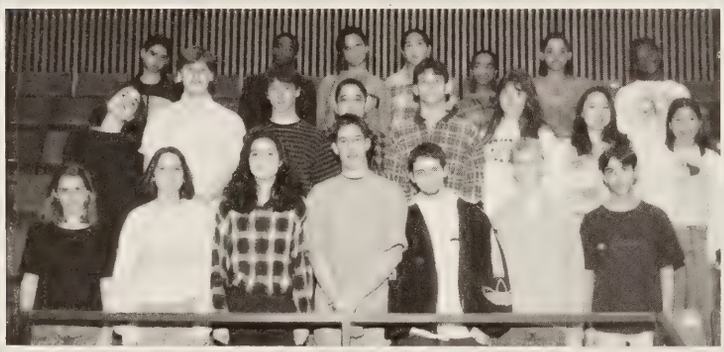
Marching down the halls, the band salutes all those students who received a gold or silver card for academic excellence. Junior Nick Geraci and senior Aaron Lowery lead them.

SCA Oficers: Row 1: Jennifer Armstrong, Lee Payne, Kalece Sprow, Diana Falls, Kristen Southerland. Row 2: Jessica Burdette, Elizabeth Wortell, Melissa Palmer, JEssica Bruce, Brandon Link.

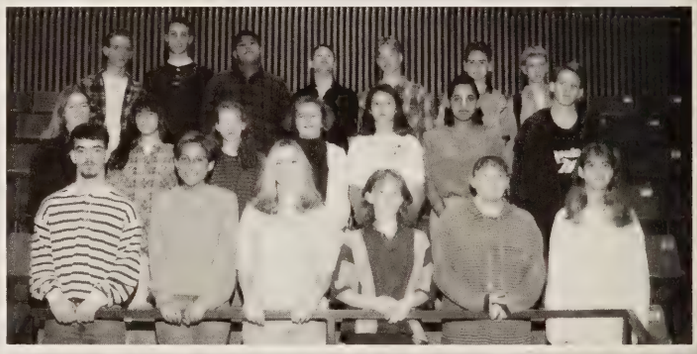
SCA Representatives: Row 1: Ernie Thitstone, Christy Hansen, Amy Wallace, Kim Bridges, Linsay McGhee, Joy Scheer, Jenny Jones, Danielle Criste, Jennifer Turner. Row 2: Nicole Holland, Terry Moore, Kelly Lux, Paulette Cole, Cathy Pritchett, Jene Toleson, Michael Banks. Row 3: Bethany Branham, Melanie Payne, Lisa Burdette, Karrie Kula, Melissa Palmer, Taye Williams, Casey Knight.

Taking time out of her lunch shift, junior Kristen Southerland talks to Amy Eiwen about the Sweetheart dance.(photo by Ju'Riese Colon)

Assisting junior Diana Falls, Lee Payne helps send back computer dating results. This was the first year that this program took place. (photo by:Ju'Riese Colon)



SCA: Row 1: Kelly Vallance, Melanie Edwards, Sandra Nicholas, Scott Smith, Aaron Smith, Ryan Smith, Ted Banks . Row 2: Julie Coleman, Lee Payne, Tom O'Halloran, Kevin Goodman, Matt Sawyer, Krisina Kealey, Sara Berlin, Lucky Inthavongdy. Row 3: Chris Evans, Archie Tyler, Brianne Washington, Theresa Tovar, Ju'Riese Colon, Jennifer Harriet, Tamara Glover.



Science Club: Row 1: Adam Kelly, Beth Williams, Genny Ivan, Tiffany Gray, Melanie Gardner, Chrissy Cunningham. Row 2: Amy Shaw, Stephanie Thacker, Lisa Burdette, Melaine Payne, Virginia Prudom, Jennifer Harriot, Michael Batts. Row 3: Ricky Sims, Steve Fields, Nick Tovar, Chris Vanhorn, C.J. VanCleev, Ryan Smith.

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Timeless Education

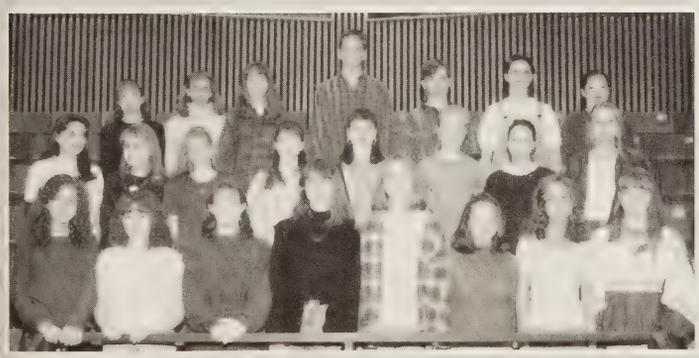
Time flies like the wind, fruit flies like bananas. For students actively involved in SCA, long hours and dedication was the key for the clubs success. Spirit days, guest speakers, and other fun activities had to be decided upon, planned out, and executed by SCA officers in order for other students to enjoy them.

"SCA is a lot of fun, but it does take a lot of hard work and time. Anyone wanting to become an officer has to be really dedicated. It takes up time and it is harder to become involved in other activites. SCA has to be your number one priority," said Treasurer of SCA junior Diana Falls.

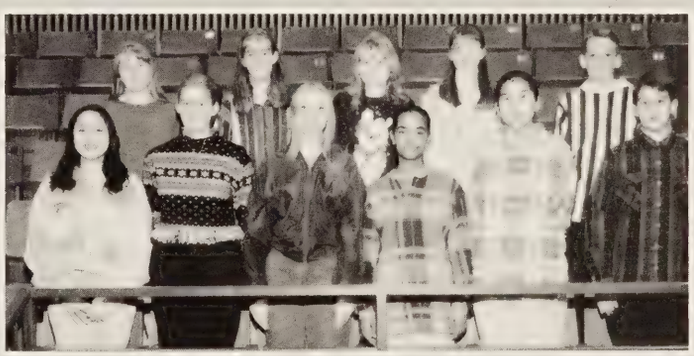
SCA President Jennifer Armstrong agreed. "We spend an average of ten hours a week focusing on SCA. That includes fifth period everyday and then we usually stay after school," said Armstrong.

Even though it was hard work, being a SCA officer was worth the effort according to Vice President junior Lee Payne. "It's a great feeling when people in the school come up to you and tell you they enjoyed and assembly or activity that you planned. It's really great to know you make a difference and are involved in what is going on and what is going to happen in the school," said Payne.

Anyone interested in SCA needed to understand what the requirements were. SCA Reporter/Historian junior Kristen Southerland didn't understand what SCA involved until she became an officer. "Anyone interested in becoming officer has to know what they're getting into. I had no idea I would do so much work. You have to put SCA before any other activities," said Southerland. "However, SCA is beneficial in helping me define my leadership qualities even though I was already enthusiastic and outgoing," said Southerland.



Science Club: Row 1: Nikole Swaney, Stephanie Nash, Julie Newmar, Erin Rodney, Ali Adair, Tina Goodman, Holly Williams, Amanda Robertson. Row 2: Christinia Mullen, Pam Knight, Jessie Owens, Erin Baker, Erica Baker, Cassie Bohn, Erin Cristie, Tammy Newton. Row 3: Nicole Holland, Jessica Landry, Lauren Jones, Edmound Wotring, Mike Young, Crystal Jewell, Jessica Ford.



Spanish Club: Row 1: Sara Berlin, Teresa Murphy, Tammy Newton, Ju'Riese Colon, Teresa Tovar, Michael Warlick. Row 2: Christina Lawrence, Melissa Morris, Pamela Knight, Erin Baker, Brandon Link.

Floatin' Down The River

Water world. The Science club tied it in with education when they went canoeing down the river.

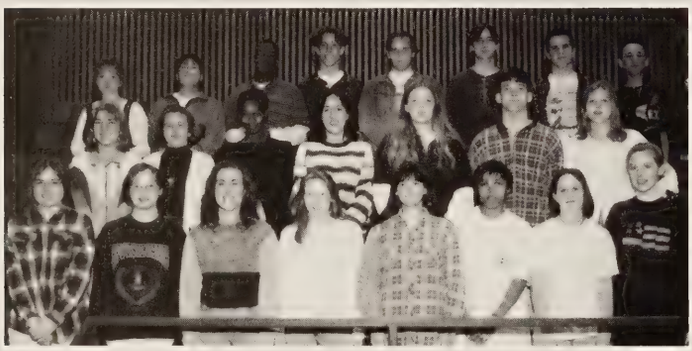
"It was so much fun," said senior Heather Daniels. "We just laughed the whole time, people were on their canoes turning around in circles and couldn't get their canoe to go straight," added Daniels.

The weather was pretty warm. The water, however, was not. "The water was so cold. The best part of the whole day was when Paul Chewning tipped his canoe over. He was soaking wet," said senior Michelle Brown. "I have never laughed so hard before," added Brown.

Falling in the river and getting wet was the highlight of the day for some. For others it wasn't exactly a highlight. "The canoeing trip was so much fun. The water was a little cold I really didn't notice until I fell in the creek. It would not of been so bad but I went in with all of my good clothes on," said junior Kristina Kealey.

Everyone was in groups so luckily her partner helped her "I had to save Kristina, because she was sinking in the mud," said junior Kristen Hammond. "I was all cut and bruised, but other than that it was fun. I really hope they let us go again next year because it was the best field trip I have ever been on," added Kealey. "I really enjoyed the trip too, it was different and it was neat," added Hammond. "I'm just so glad Kristen saved my life.

Not everyone went canoeing some people went to the Potomac River. "We went to the Potomac River for a field trip with other members of the Science Club," said junior Diana Falls. "We had a lot of fun Mike Batts and I were looking at all of these weird looking fish, and we saw this huge ship. It was a lot of fun, I am glad that they decided to let us have field trips again," added Falls.



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After tipping the canoe over junior Paul Chewning tries to find a way out of the river since he was alresdy soaking wet.

While examing a tree seniors Kim Morgan, Jenny Jones, and Danielle Criste take notes about their observations (photo by: Mr. Mann).

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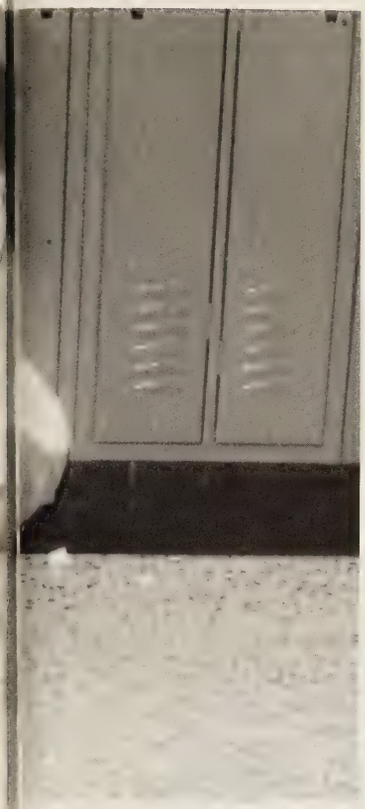
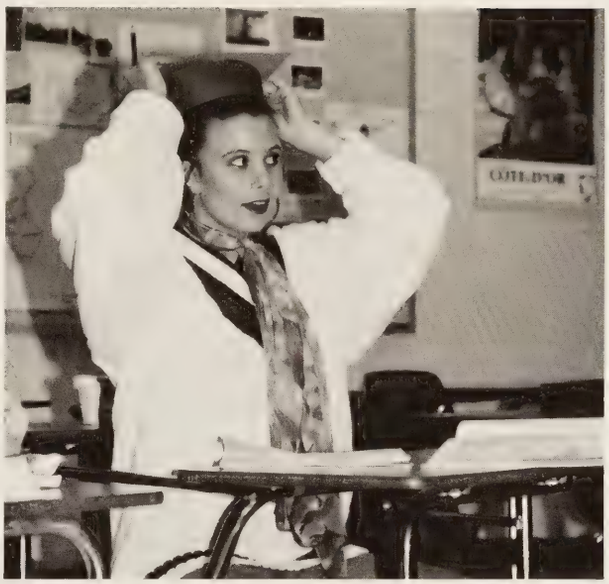


Senior Mike Gibson goes through his folder. Before class he finds time to organize his papers in his folder. (photo by: Ju'riese Colon)



During spirit week senior Danielle Criste found time during class to adjust her cap. (photo by: Jason Johnson)

During track practice junior Adam Kelly practices pole vaulting.(photo by: Ju'riese Colon)

During the pep rally junior Sandra Nichols finds an interesting way to show her school spirit. (photo by: Alex Russell)

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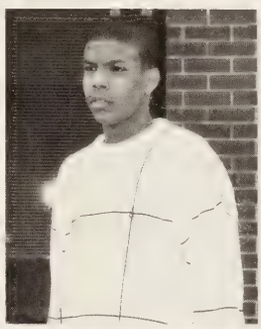

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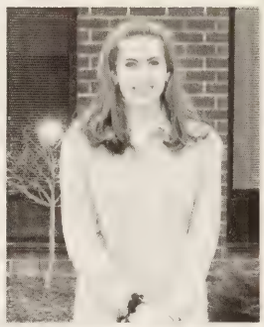

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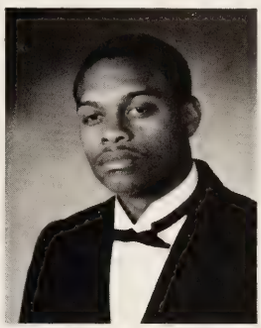

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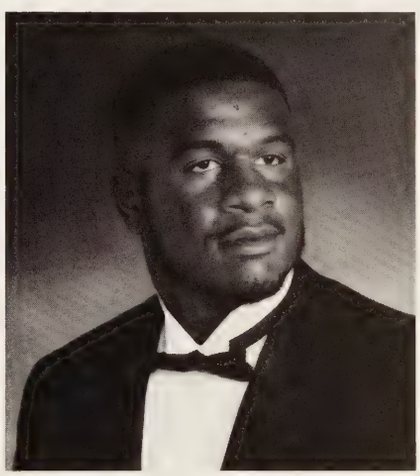

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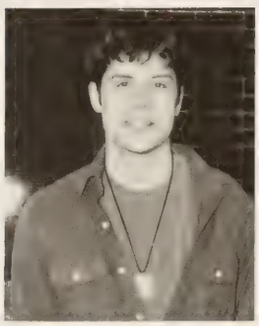

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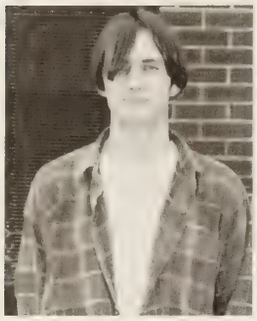

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- Grabbing national attention Louis Farakhan organized the Million Man March which took place on the Mall in Washington D.C.

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- OJ Simpson was acquitted on for the murder of his wife, Nicole, and Ronald Goldman.
- Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were both married and divorced in a time frame of sixteen weeks.

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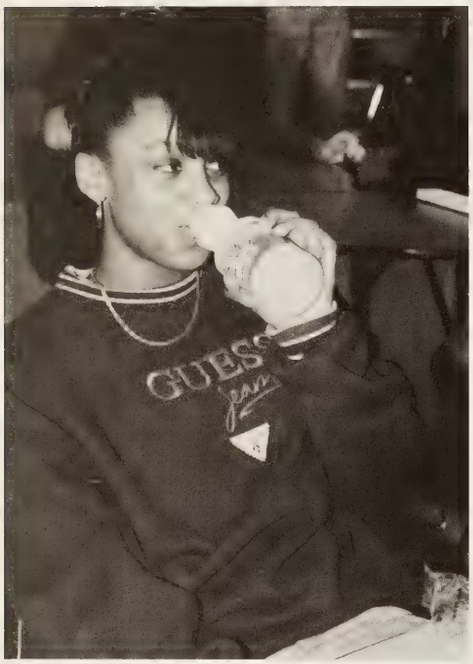
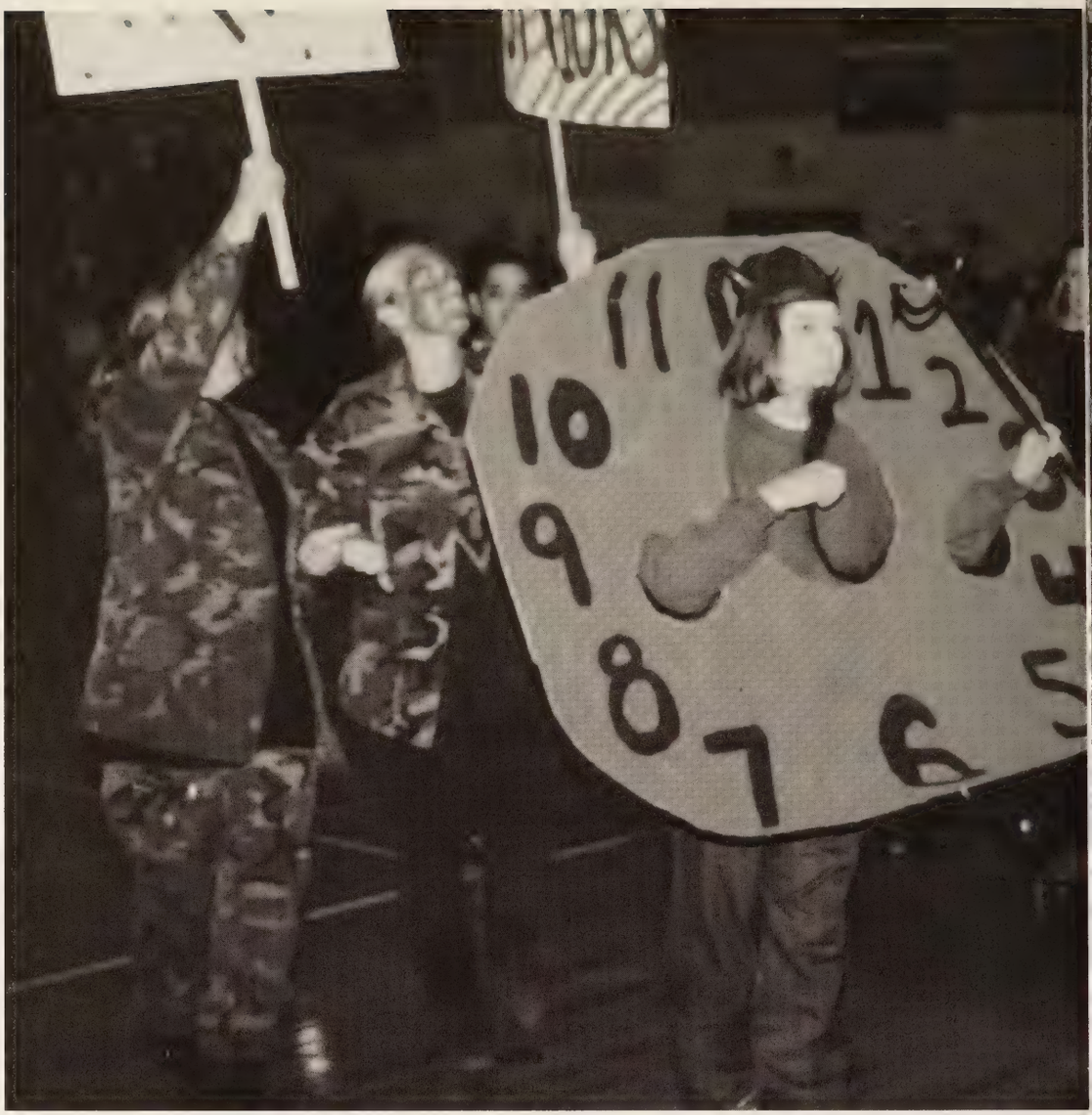
Winning spirit week the junior class celebrate during the indoor Homecoming parade by leading the junior class in a chant.

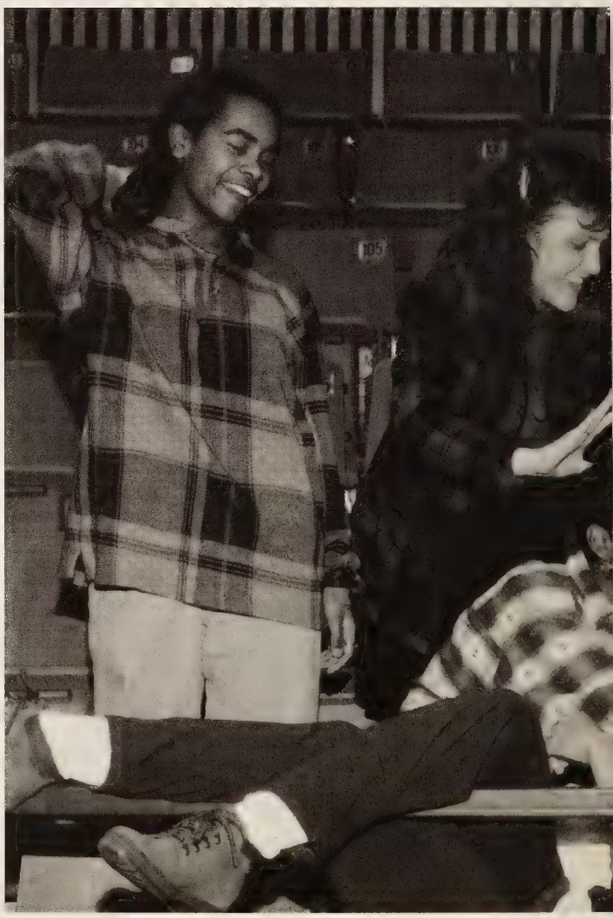
Relaxing during lunch, sophomore Serena Carter sips on her orange juice.





When spirit week comes each year everyone becomes involved. Posing in their "Evening Wear" freshman Heather Morgan, junior Joy Scheer, and sophomore Kara Shomberger pose for their friends.

The yearbook staff breaks the tension for a few seconds and attacks their editor.



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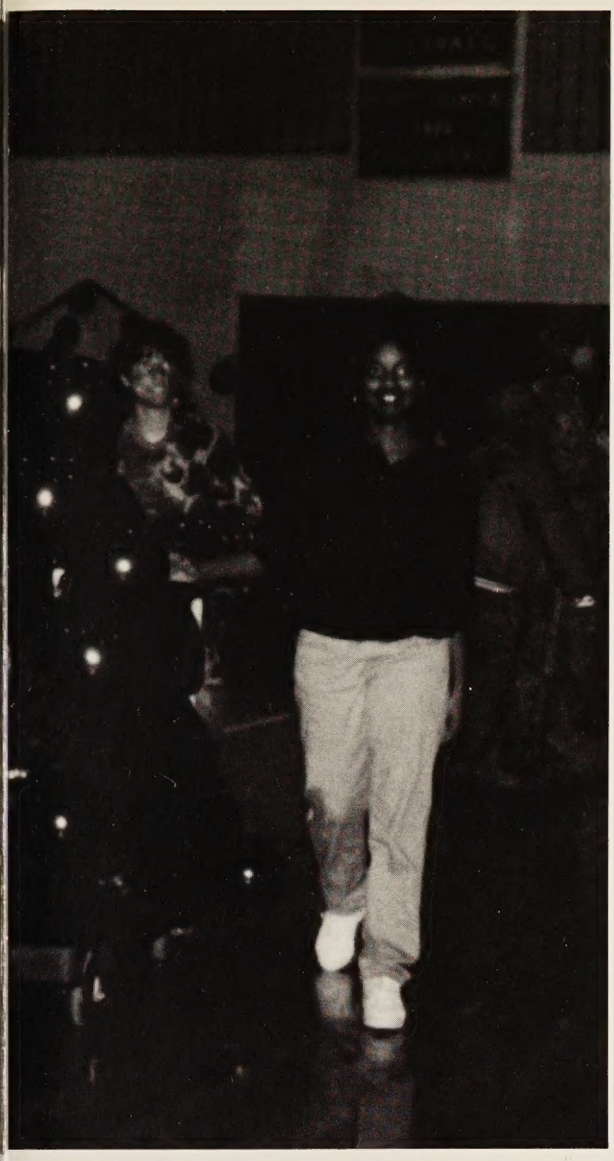

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1996 Trail

It was a year of new beginnings and fond memories of the past. To add to the confusion of new administrators, teachers, advisors, and students, record breaking snow fall caused school to close, postponement of the band's trip to Disneyland, missed deadlines for publications, and cancellation of sporting events. Students suddenly faced coming to school on Saturdays to meet their deadlines, played three make-up games in a week, and the band finally left for Disneyland. After this year, next year has to be a ***Piece of Cake.***

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Piecing it together -- to make the whole.

During spirit week freshman Chrissy Davison sports her P.J.'s and Rainbow colored socks. Her twin sister, as always, is close behind.

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